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Contribution would be appreciated by gATURDAY JULY $13 t h=$
Thank Vou.


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This issue's cover shows a 日BC Monitor hard at work : (Taken from a war-time BBC publicity booklet).
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## Station News and Latest Listening

 cleared down our files on most stations in order to bring you only the logs received since issue 9. Me look forward to hearing from you soon and hope you will enjoy this issue.

A11 tines shom are UTC (GMT) Please note that some stations will change times for sumer, this is noted next to each stations details.

ENGLSH LANGUAGB STATIONS (Othen active stations: //=direct equivalent $\rho$ =family merber)

E1) RRADY RGADY - Mode AM (Now operating to Sumer Tine). All times listed are UTC. // MiT

Still very active. Transmissions repeat on two frequencies at 20 ainute intervals.


May move to higher frequencies in sumuer. for complete list see MI7.
E3)LINCOLNSHIRE POACHER - Mode USB (StaSS on UTC) //G4
No major changes, still operating between 10.00 and 22.00 starting on the hour for 45 minutes. Jaming continues on any transuissions.

Active frequencies (3 in use on each transmission) are - 1647516084 156821448713375126031154510426925184647755733769596900 64855746 5422. Some tests have been reported mith the interval signal but no messuges on 20306 \& 19452.

I also noticed a report of the station in the US Monitoring Times. They reported a transwission at 02.00 on 6959. LP used to operate at this time some years ago. Anyone sbout at this time?

Finally a report on Austrian Radio stated that the contract to use the Abis site in Bgypt by the US Government was to end in the gutumn, it mas reported that US backed Voice of Human Rights and Freedow for Iran pas beamed from Abis. In issue 8 we did mention the possibility that lP was using this site to beam to the Middle Rast.

LP's sister station in the Far Kast, still active between Honday Friduy. Could any readers in the Far Bast give us some'jides of the signal quality?

| 11.00 | 14469 | Probably on 3 freguencies at all times |  |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 12.00 | 13866 | 14469 | but reception is variable in the UR. |
| 13.00 | 1386614469 | 17499 |  |

Also knom to have used 20174 \& 23411 in the past.
E5) COURTING STATIONS - Mode AM (Stays on UTC) //G5/E14
Very active in the sumer/autum period. Transmissions seem to be in decline at present and are becoming more erratic. We have reproduced all reports since last issue although schedules are fairly short lived.


EG \& ET) ENGLISH MEN ENDD ' $00000^{\prime}$ \& 1000 O00' - Mode AM (Stay on UTC) //S6 \& S7 Families
No major changes, the Bnglish Mon 00000 's ending now seens to have a new woice which appeared around early March. Very cleax presentation.
715 nom seems to have replaced 947 and can be heard at present on HON 19.10 6864 TUB 20.10 5423 Other E6 calis: 572, 758, 836 (usual reice. 20.105423

E7: 273.695
According to a British Government report just published Russian spying activity is on the increase and more agents are now operating in Britain than since the end of the cold prar. The report stated that British Intelligence had had to increase it's oan counter measures to take account of this.

gransmissions remain erratic and do not aymas start on time, if at all.

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WON 19.00 variable 6645 - subject to 1/- 5 kHz
SAT 03.20 variable 11290 - subject to W/-5 kHz
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See also station $\mathbb{V}$, which is related.
F10) PHONETIC ALPHABET - NATO - Hode AM/SSB (Stays on UTC)
Still wery active, may new frequencies now in use. All lagged frequencies are reported below. Sone frequencies shaxe more then one call:


7115 ART 7540 JSR 7605 CIO 8025 CIO 8127 MTH 8465 SYN 8641 CIO 3745 HIW 9130 EKI 9270 KPA

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10352 VLB 10568 WL,B 10648 MHF 10820 STRT 10125 MIM 11565 ELI
12950 VLB 13190 MIW 13533 H2T 13920 EPA 14750 MIW 14866 FLB
15016 MIW 17410 ELI 18178 CTO 19715 EZI
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* on March 14 e 20.40 I heard the familiar voice repeating DPA-N the transmission may have been NDP-A it was difficult to hear the break. I suspect this could be one of the rarer stations like BAY OFM ZWL, GBZ \& GPO.
Richard tells us that one of the F 10 stations was using 15016. He tells me that the frequency is used world-wide by the USAF, in addition Richard heard an aircraft msking the USAF Global stations who the YL was, they said they didn't know. The frequency is no longer in use by F10.

B11) "OBLIQUE" - Hode AM/SSB (Stays on UTC) //S12//G11/M3.
Difficult to find this station likes to stay hidden. Also prone to sudden frequency changes.

Tro ID's 231 \& new 746 are at present active. I would suggest you try each week as the scheduling is rather obscure.


Transmissions for 231 move between 306040154780 \& 5050 depending on the tieme of year.

The trednesday evining transmission seems to have ended. The eaxly arning frequenciles and times need re-confirning. Weekly.

MON 21.00 4644 (several reportz say 4643)
THU 20.005821 THU 04.005821
RRI 21.00 46 FR FRI 04.00 4573

E14) $4 P$ "COUNT CONTROL" - Mode $\triangle M$ (Stays on UTC) /E5/G5
At the time of miting the $4 F^{\circ}$ transaissions which start at hour +30 seem to have ended. Any reports/coments appreciated.

E15) PHONITIC ALPHABET - pre NATO - ROde AN/SSM (Stays on UTC)
Reception in Eneland is poar, no nulor changes other than the use of SSB on some transuissions. Most but not all operate a daily schedule.

| 11.00 | 18000 | BBC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 12.00 | 17503 | HSU |
| 12.30 | 11170 | MSA |
| 13.00 | 11000 | $B R C$ |
| 14.00 | 14000 | FEP |
| 16.30 | 6715 | NAS |


| 17.30 | 5834 | MSA |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 18.00 | 5834 | USP |
| 19.00 | 4130 | SAR |
| 20.00 | 5530 | HAS |
| 21.00 | 4130 | MSA |

16.30 G715 NAS

H16) TWO LETTBR (BNGLISH) - Mode SSB (Stays on UTC) //G1G
Fery littile trallic is heard fion this station mad its laxer German Ianguage sister station Gl6. He have had no reports of Fnglish transeissions for some tine. See further comments about this station undex G16.

E17) BNGIISH LADY 00000 KHDING - Mode AM (Stays on UTC)
The schedules are nothing if not incomprehensisle, with mandow transwissions at all times of day and nisht. The only semi-regular call-sign heard is 274. This appears occasionally at around 08.00 betmeen 9270 and 9290 on \& Hednesday morning. The old format of sending nil nessages to 274 seens to have ended and now only messagess are sent.


The logs marked * were made in Kansas, United States of America. I have heard a cassette recording of these sud the signal quality is very good indeed. This is rather disconcerting considering the location of Kansss City which is virtually in the centre of Horth Anerica.


| DAY | TIME | FRERUENCY | 1 | 2 | 9 | 4 | 5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| WGD | 09.00 | 4195 MCV |  | *1 |  |  |  |
| HED | 13.00 | 6200 | D\% 1 $^{6}$ |  | Ms*16 |  |  |
| WFD | 17.00 | 6200 | D) *1C |  | Ma*1C |  |  |
| HED | 17.30 | 6200 | $D_{10} * 1 C$ |  | $\mathrm{M}_{10} * 1 \mathrm{C}$ |  |  |
| WED | 20.00 | 5340 |  |  |  | $P_{2} * 3$ |  |
| HED | 21.00 | 5340 |  |  |  | $P_{3} * 3$ |  |
| HED | 22.00 | 6200 | $D_{11} * 1 C$ |  | $M_{11} * 1 C$ | ${ }_{3}$ |  |
| WED | 22.00 | 5340 SSB |  |  |  | $8_{4} * 3$ |  |
| WED | 22.30 | 6200 | $D_{12} * 1 C$ |  |  |  |  |
| HED | 23.00 | 6200 | $D_{13} * 1 C$ |  | $M_{13} * 1 \mathrm{C}$ |  |  |
| WED | 23.30 | 6200 | $D_{44} * 1 \underline{C}$ |  | Mu*1C |  |  |
| THU | 18.00 | 4195 SSB |  | *3 |  |  | Q * 3 |
| THU | 20.00 | 5340 |  | $I_{1} * 3$ |  |  |  |
| THU | 20.00 | 5340 MCW |  |  | N* |  |  |
| THU | 21.00 | 5340 |  | $I_{2} * 3$ |  |  |  |
| THU | 21.00 | 5340 MCW |  |  | $\mathrm{N}_{2}{ }^{*}$ |  |  |
| THU | 22.00 | 5340 |  | $I_{3} * 3$ |  |  |  |
| THU | 23.00 | 4779 | *1 |  |  |  |  |
| THU | 23.00 | 3825 SSB |  |  |  | * | * |
| THU | 00.00 | 5340 MCN |  |  |  | * |  |

FRI No transmissions are made on Fridays.
Can any readers remember when Swedish Rhapsody fixst started? $I$ can remember hearing the station in the mid - $1960^{\circ}$ s, but it is possible that it was on air before this time. Have you ever heard it make any errors in transmissions? I do remember that on one occasion during certain former Saturday broadcasts (which used to take place on three frequencies running together 47795340 6507) that the music box just kept on playing for 19 minutes, then someone remembered to start the message.

Simon Mason also reports an odd transmission in his book "Secret Signals" - the music marker stopped as normal and the lady read out the first heading (68803) the groups that followed were either 646s6 or 46464 ! These groups were sent for 5 minutes, followed by a normal message.

All in all Swedish Rhapsody is a very proffesional set-up. Transmissions start on time and are of a high technical standard with only the rare mistake. The master scheduling is a task in itself with many transmissions in different modes $A M$ \& SSB, some with interrupted harm up or unbroken warm up, voice or MCH transmissions. Tones are also sent 10 minutes prior to the music box starting up. On top of all this many messages are repeated throughout the week.

Have you ever listened to the MCH transaissions? After 10 minutes of $U$ 's, these start with the call LoLO - what does this mean? Is it some kind of in joke? - are they really saying HBLLO HELLO! Why use the tune Swedish Rhapsody played on a music box ?

Swedish Rhapsody has changed little over many years despite so many changes in Europe since the mid $1960^{\circ} \mathrm{s}$. What does this tell us ? Is Swedish Rhapsody coming from a very stable country ?!

Comments welcome.

GA) S-MOTR ODDITY - Mode Ah (Vsez CET- Fimes shown are UTC) /PH29A? Please see our majempature on this station fater in this issue. please also refer to Morse section - station VDR.
Only tro voice transmissions are knomn to be active at present;

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APRIL SUN 20.05 (UTC) 4581
APRIL SUN 20.35 (UTC) A481 (repeat of 20.05)
Frequencies change each nem month. 20.35 always 100 kftz lower.
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G5) COURTING STATTON //R5/EL
This station which is a cold Har remant of the more active $E 5$ is virtually dormant. Only one transaission has been reported since the last issue;

HON 03.005301
Despite the fact that there are several 1000 's of frequencies to choose from GS seems to $\begin{array}{ll}\text { ant to send its only message on top of }\end{array}$ another numbers station OLX which also uses 5301 at 03.00 daily.

G6) GERMAR LADY' 'onood bNDIMG - Hode AM//SG Family
Sends all messages using PalRsD groups. Uses regular time slots but random frequencies. Messages are repeated on a different freguency following first airing.

Regular times for transmissions are;

| HON | 19.00 | -20.00 | Tines are approximate, recent ID's include |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TUS | 18.00 | 820.00 | 721807628. |
| THU | 07.00 | \% 20.00 | The station tends to use 485 Mhz in Winter |
| SHET | 19.00 | 20.00 | but moves higher in Sumer. |
| SUM | 07.00 |  |  |
| SUW | 18.00 |  |  |

G7) GERHAM LADY'OOO 000 BNDE' - ENDING - Mode AM //S7 Fanily.
Sends all messages using SINGLiB groups, uses $3 F$ or $4 F$ decode key. Rach transmission is repeated on 2 further frequencies. Wil messages are repeated only once.
-278' was expected to return on Harch 5th at 06.30 on 7378. It did not materialize - a schedule, lasting several years, nom seems to have been dropped.
Regular schedules are subject to sudden change, ID's also change within schedules making it difficult to follow.

The following logs are in some cases incomplete.

| MON | 03.00 | 8705 | Cmilinder | 29\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| WISD | 06.30 | 4550/5850 | Calijag | 577 |
| THU | 13.00 | 12135/21570/ | Calling | 372 |
| THY | 20.00 | 5250/4575/ | Calling | 149. (Horf 428) |
| THYY | 22.00 | 15415/5125 | Calling | 416 |
| RRI | 18.00 | 9127/7627/ | Calling | 167 |
| FRI | 19.00 | $5127 / 4627 / 4447$ | Calling | 164 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { SATT } \\ & \text { SAT } \end{aligned}$ | 08.00 0840 | $12227 / 11127 / 9327$ | Calling | $224-562-214$ |

Has heard sending 214-2 on 23rd Harch (2 messages for same agent).

G11) STRICH - Mode $A M$ (Stays on UTC) //B11//S12//N3
Regular slots, but changes frequency without warning. Tho ID"s are active 496 752. 496 also receives CW transmissions.


G16) GERMAN TWO LETTER STATIONS - MOde SSB/AM (Stays on UTC) //B16.
Please see "Simon Mason Hrites" for some further 2 - Letter news.
These stations seen to be fairly quiet at present. Only MD in Bnglish has been reported.
Host of the German language traficic is sent during the day tiae on high ffrequencies.
Reports received since last issue are; MD (English) K GE HE SB. The only regular evening transyissions are from GR.
Frequencies are selected from the following list ; 269027072745 $3228326245434594482148885015518257325770 \quad 676568537404$ 753276617752785880638173904093259450

1017010460105001074011617111081154512092122101231413362 1375213775138901462214945156101605516220164141743018195 18575192951975520240203502067522885

## G19) GBRHAN MAN

We have received one report only of a Geraan Man.
I understand a German Man ending in $000000^{\prime}$ s did used to operate some years afo. And was the same voices as the (live) Gl. Tyrolean Music.

SAT 21.00 5233 (not heard since November 25th)

## SLAVIC LARGIAARSS

S2)DRUMS 是 TRUMPHTS - Kode AM (Changes to Sumer Tine 1 hour earliex than JTC. Tines shomn UTC) /EI/?M17?

Monthly gth of each month regardless of day 20.30 UTC (19.30 Sumaer)
Fas operating on 4740 buthas recenty also used 4720 4760. Tune around for call-sign. Different messube sent each month.

No major changes. Still very active on a wide range of fxequencies. Schedules are very protracted and frequency usage and ID's prone to chane
S8) IT FT TY - Mode AM/SSB (Non operating to sumser time) //M27 (BTV)
Occasional transmissions have recently been heard in SSB. More regular slots have also been found.


The 18.00 nessages are repeats of the 14.00 each day. This sugests 2 further transwissions which we have not yet located - the duplicates of the 06.30 messages.

For the first tine a non-randoa element as sppeared in YT" messianes. This is not almays present but in recent months as usually been there. It consists of two. groups almays at the end of one the four messages. On the 14/18.00 messases only. The first of these groups is alrays 00002 and the second, when irist heard, was 30607. Gradually this became 30608 and is nog 30609.
S12) CHBRTA - Hode AM (St叉YS on UTC) //E11//E11//M3
S11 The "Preska' station does not seen to be active at present, homeger its "Cherta' relation is alive sud well:

1st \& 3rd WKD of Month 18.003995 Call 971
1st \& 3rd WBD of Month 21.004015 Call 871 (may move to - 5180)
1st HON of Month 21.003823 Call 755 (nay nove to - 4465)
I asked several of our readers in Rassia to coment on this station.
Ivan \& Vassily suggested that at first glance the Fords are Russian
but are an enhanced version. They dial not feel that the Fi was herself Russian and found the pronunciation strange.
The full set of words used (with Kinglish phonetic pronumciation) are:

| 1- Adinka 6- Shest | "/ | Cherta |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2-Droyka 7-Syen | Attention | Pinimanye |
| 3-Troyka 8-Tosyem | Eind | Kónyets |
| 4-Chetyorka 3-Dyewret |  |  |
| 5-Petyorka O- Wu.l |  |  |
| * S6 family: EG//G6//VG//M/4/24//S25 |  |  |
| STfamily: ET//GT//VT//M/2 | 11 |  |


S17) CKBCH LADY "CONTROL" - Mode AM (Stays on UTC)
Again no changes to this station.
Daily 13.55 to $14.024485 / / 5027$ - single $5 F$ message.

## S18/18) CZECH MAN - Mode AM

Ho reports received. May still be active but vexy hard to find. Strons fravely roice.

S21) RUSSIAN LADY - Mode AM (Stays on UTC) //HE5 $\leftarrow$ See Morse News
Becoming more active. See also Morse section. Recent reports include.

| MON | 20.30 | 4500 | (sending a count from 1/3) | This station ilkes |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| MON | 20.45 | 3160 | Calling 402 | odd starting tines |
| TUK | 17.45 | 5740 | Calling 342 | all reports are |
| TUE | 19.45 | 5290 | Calling 491 | appreciated. |
| THU | 17.40 | 5740 | Calling 342 |  |
| THU | 19.45 | 5290 | Calling 491 | All messages are |
| THU | 20.40 | 3160 | Calling 402 | dirferent. |
| $S A T$ | 09.20 | 4832 | Calling ??? |  |

S25) RUSSIAN MAN "CONTROL" - Mode AN (Stays on UTC) /S6 Family
Daily at 08.00 on 14890 ID almays 615.
08.20 on $11270 *$
*hay not move here iff the 08.00 nessage is none standard. i.e. S25A/B. 11270 may or may not be used thereafter.

In recent wonth the $525{ }^{4}$ wariant sent (instead of the usual 111115 or 22222s) 44444 on two separate occasions.

We appreciate your reception reports, letters and coments, ahich should be sent to :-

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The next issue of BNIGHA will be publised in mid to late AUGUST and me pould appreciate contributions by SATURDAY JULY 13th 1996.

PLEASE DROP US A LINE - HEV REALLY WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU.

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S13) We have not have this for some tiae (transmissions are normally of just 2 (inutes duration) snyone else heard hia ?

S14) These are quite active and most transwissions EO $_{\text {on }}$ for hours with a repeating loon tape.

Recent logs have included;

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14.00 4130 'UPT-76'
19.00 4040 'Buket-18'
21.00 3875 'Gora-43' (This means 'mountain')
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Sometimes female voice is heard. Several readers in Russia have conmented about these stations. Ivan tells us they are sending a loop tape "I announcer 58" have nothing for you, 12345678910".

Vassily sent us the following information concerning both 513 \& 514.
"I have a suggestion concerning stations 513 \& 514 transmissions. I have a tert book used to train radio personnel ("Exploitation and equipment of radio stations") published in 1988. This book instructs on standard calling of recipient : 'I am (call sign), I au (call sign).
Transwit count for twing - $12345678910^{\prime}$ and so on. This phrase is एery similar to that used by S13. The book recommends to transmit this TAPED 'fora of standard calling' during adjustment of the radio channel; in a period of unstable propasation conditions.
To sur up ; 513 lts transmission (2-3 minutes duration) serve for adjusting of the channel to be ready to receive information. But informetion is being transmitted on the same frequency but in a none voice mode.

S14 Maybe these transmissions are intended for adjusting of reception installations for so called 'circular radio comunications', when signals from one utility station must be received at several fixed points:
Wassily ends by saying that because of the economic situation in Russid it is possible that one team any travel between locations setting up the equipment, this way it could be left running without further adjustant. He tells FNIGMA that he first heard sl4 in Mas 1995 when it was transmitting between 1.5 \$ 2.5 hours per day.

S16/MG) OLX - Hode SSB (Stays on UTC)
still operating 23 hours per each hour for about $15 / 20$
day. Transmissions start at 5 minsictosf minutes. About $50 / 50$ Horse and voice messages.

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Daily : 00.00 to 04.00
    05.00 to 08.00
    0 9 . 0 0 ~ t o ~ 1 6 . 0 0 ~
    17.00 to 20.00
    21.00 to 23.00 5301 8142 12275
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## DTHER HANGUACTRS

Yery active at present. All Erequencies shown may vary by $+/-2 \mathrm{kHz}$.

| MON | 03.00 | 6826 | WED | 02.00 | 6983 | ERI | 02.00 | 6933 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MON | 04.00 | 5746 | WED | 03.00 | 6827/6797 | ERI | 03.00 | 7887 |
| MON | 05.00 | 3292/4028 | WED | 04.00 | 7861 | FRI | 05.00 | 4028 |
| MON | 06.00 | 7890/6933 | WED | 06.00 | 8166/9238 | ERI | 06.00 | 6797 |
| MON | 07.00 | 54.17 | WED | 07.00 | 6800/4028 | FRI | 07.00 | 7887 |
| MON | 08.00 | 7527 | WED | 08.00 | 6826 | ERI | 08.00 | 6797/7887 |
| MON | 10.00 | 4028 | WED | 08.00 | 9075 (V3) | FRI | 23.00 | 8013/5087 |
| TUE | 02.00 | 9140 | THU | 01.00 | 5404/5419 | SAT | 01.00 | 5135 |
| TUE | 03.00 | 6867 | THU | 03.00 | 6787 | SAT | 10.00 | 6797 |
| TUE | 07.00 | 8010 | THU | 04.00 | 10345 |  |  |  |
| TUE | 08.00 | 7527 | THU | 05.00 | 6797/6933 | SUN | 02.00 | 8126 |
| TUE | 08.00 | 9260 (V3) | THU | 06.00 | 4028/5417 | SUN | 03.00 | 7887 |
|  |  |  | THU | 07.00 | 6797/5417 | SUN | 05.00 | 7726 |
|  |  |  | THU | 08.00 | 7972 | SUN | 06.00 | 6785 |
|  |  |  | THU | 09.00 | 8797 | SUN | 07.00 | 5417 |
|  |  |  | THU | 11.00 | 4027 | SUN | 08.00 | 7887/8186 |
|  |  |  | THU | 23.00 | 5087 | SUN | 08.00 | 7887 |

V2 - 5F ID with lighter voice.
V3 - 3F 2F 2F - then 5F-deeper voice.

V6) SPANISH LADY '00000' ENDING - Mode AM (Stays on UTC) //S6 family
Likes random times and frequencies but gives a strong signal in Europe.

Was active at 13.00 WED/THU in Sept on 12210 \& Oct on 14940.
Likes Friday and Saturday evenings around $21 / 22 / 23.00$ ID heard at this time is 579. Random frequencies.

V7) SPANISH MAN ENDS 000000 - Mode AM (Stays on UTC) //S7 family
Another random station, follows KGB/GRU style of operation.
Random logs include ;

| TUE | 07.00 | 5880 | Calling 394 | 5880 | repeats on 8080 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| TUE | 07.10 | 8080 | Calling 841 |  |  |
| TUE | 08.00 | 4627 | Calling 394 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| THU | 07.30 | 5226 | Calling 394 | 5226 | repeats on 4627 |
| THU | 08.00 | 8080 | Calling 394 |  |  |

V8) EASTERN MUSIC STATION (Language unknown) - Mode AM /E9
This station is related to E 9 , only one confirmed transmission at ;
1st SATURDAY of MONTH 18.00 on $6645+/-5 \mathrm{kHz}$
 also possibly heard using 5715 kHz on THU 15.35 \& FRI 16.00.

This station plays a musical intorlude and transmissions are quite long in duration.
v9) ORIENTAL LANGUAGBS - Mode AM
Main reports received concern North Korea, Ian in Scotland reports the following.

SUN 15.106250 Radio Pyongyang with 3 Groups
SUN 15.176398 but not //
Stations came into parallel at 15.32 when music was broadeast.
MON 15.05 6398 Radio Pyongyang, 6398 was sending $3 F$ groups, modulation left much to be desired. 6250 was sending music. At 15.09 the groups ended on 6398 and music followed, but was different to that on 6250.

At 15.13 both stations sent the same music until at least 16.10 .
V13) NEH STAR BROADCASTING - MODE AM
Following all the recent problems in this part of the world I guess NEW STAR RADIO TAIHAN was probably very busy.

The only reports we receive seem to concern 8300 kHz which is sometimes audible from early afternoon to late evening in Europe.

Other active frequencies are ; 97251143013750 and 15388. New Star Radio operates 5 frequencies each carrying a different service including 8300.

XPH) HIGH PITCH POLYTONE TRANSMISSIONS
Some patternhas been found (thanks to ${ }^{\prime} D$ ' \& Peter) although the April transmission seems to have moved from 21.00 to 20.00 UTC.

Frequency usage varies according to interference, some monitoring of usable frequencies must take place prior to transmission. Transmissions repeat at 20 minute intervals from start.

NOV TUE/ERI DEC TUE/FRI JAN TUE/FRI FEB TUE/ERI MAR TUE/FRI

| 21.00 | 5431 | 21.00 | 5754 | 21.00 | 5754 | 21.00 | 5754 | 21.00 | 6959 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 21.20 | 5131 | 21.20 | 5254 | 21.20 | 5234 | 21.20 | 5334 | 21.20 | 5859 |$*$

* This appeared in the broadeast band on top of Radio Bulgaria.

APRIL TUE/FRI (NOW 20.00 UTC)
20.00 ??? All reports for XPL - XPH - X6 appreciated.
$20.209125 \quad \mathrm{X} 6$ is still quite active.
20.407525

Although we sre faniliar with mary of the woice stations me hear:sending words and numbers over short wave, we occasionally receive reports of other odd transmissions.

Tro stations seen to be heard a occasionally which are a little outside our coverage but may be of interest.

Sinon Mason told abe about a station which can be heard in the 4 Mhz band sending "live" phonetic words read in a male voice. The words are ; Adam, Barbarz, C ? D ? Bdrard, F ?, Gustav, Henrik, Ingativ, Joseph, Karel, Ludwig, Marian, Nicoden, Olga, Pavel/Philip, Quarto, Roman, Selena/Stefan, T ?, Ursula, Folenti, U, $X$ ?, Ypsilon, ZyEmunt.

Transuissions can last for quite a while and long eessages are sent.
Mike in Kent sent ne a wery interesting reply after $I$ mentioned this station to hin. " 4941 kHz , I have heard this station on $4943 \mathrm{kHz}+/-$ 3 kHz but it's not been in my logs as I didn't consider it as an "ENIGMA". The story is that during one of the news broadcasts on television from pugoslavia back in 1994 they showed an apparent Croatian "Aaateur Station" asking for help frow the hest durinus the siege of Sarajavo. However the equipment was tuned to 4943 khzs outside the anateur band, so $I$ listened around $+/-5 \mathrm{kHz}$ for a fem evenings and heard the station mentioned above. My assumption was that the transmission emanated from either the Sexb or Crostian military and was related to troop movements or positions.

It qill now be interesting to see if these transmissions continue in the light of the current peace initiative, if my assumption was correct".

Another station mich we have received reports about but is not "MNIGMA"- related seens to enanate from Poland. The station consists of "live" numbers and rords spoken in Polish. The transmissions are oriten heard in the early mornings and again this station seeas to like the 4 \& 5 Mhz area of the band.

I asked our regular contributor Ivan in Russia if he could throm any light on the subject:" The traffic is sent in both directions and takes the form of coded "telesrams". The format for example; -Aikov (?) - 69 to Hagina (?) -28 receive my telegran fithen an
 message.

The groups are sent in a $3 / 2$ format such as 35227 and are spoken in the Polish language, in English the example would be read as - "three hundred and fifty two - twenty seven periodically the sender checks with the recipient and sill repeat any groups not clearly received.

Iran tells us the station is probably operated by a state organisation. In Gastern Europe such stations still exist where technologyhas not taken over the sending of such messages.

## MOREE GTATION NEWS

By M.日.
Before we begin our review of recent activity, I'd like to remind newcomers to 'numbers stations' that it is not possible to cover anything approaching the total output of these stations. For one thing, there is just too much going on, and not enough of us to report it fully. Secondly, to publish, for example, every single ID sent by a particular station may well be a useless activity, whereas to publisti, say, a list of group counts logged over a period may be far more useful. It all depends on the 'modus operandi' of each individual stations as to which information is valuable and which is not. This is one reason why most logs we receive (including those that we, the editors, complle ourselves) are never published this is not to say that they won't be of unforeseen use at some future date.

The first thing any inexperienced monitor must do, is to become familiar with those stations that he/she logs. These, at first will be the more active stations, then others will follow. We cannet positively identify any station unless we are familiar with its habits, which cover all kinds of varied characteristics. It is the combination of these which make every station unique; a relevant characteristic of one station may be completely irrelevant to another, and we really need to know the difference. ENIGMA newsletter is not the best way of presenting, what I call 'station profiles' its very nature being an evolving infrequent publication. It's far from easy to compare the profiles of different stations, merely by referring to back issues of ENIGMA. I feel that we are now at a stage where we could publish, seperately, a full resume of of the majority of these stations in a form which would make things a lot easier for all of us. The main purpose of this newsletter is to publish news on numbers stations, i.e. all significant changes, not to waste valuable space by repeating already-known or irrelevant information. Any comments are very welcome.

Bearing all this in mind, the list which follows is confined to significant changes only. Just because a station does not appear on this, it doesn't mean it's no longer active. These non-listed stations are listed, however, in a short supplementary list at the end, for information only, and without further details - they have all been consistently active since reported in ENIGMA 9 .

M1 The " $A$ ' network following its usual and predicted habits except for two odd deviations. On bth Feb, the 2000 transmission on 4490 kHz appeared also on its old secondary channel of 3868 kHz . Maybe this was an error, but this still imples that a second transmitter was at the ready to be fired up on the correct frequency - which was last used around 5th

August last year. Random monitaring of the secondary freqs since has not seen a repeat of this event, however, for reasons unknown to us they may still be in use from time to time. The second oddity was a sudden flurriy of anomalous for this station) group counts starting 15th Fehat 1800 with a 44 lits presumed decode key was 400; on 23rdMarch at 1500 a decode key of 300 resulted in a 40 -grouper with a 44444 as its 4th group - coincidence or design, one wonders!). At 2000 its departure from 40 groups dropped recklessly down to 30 , poaching on inferior 'B' network territory! This undisciplined trend continued for its next tranmissions - the 1500 being 43 (not that common) and the 0700 being a 34 . A period of stability followed until Srd March 0700: 45. An acceptable 41, 41, 42 followed this until the next Thursday 2000 slot with an unprecedented 50 . Since then, apart from an isolated 43 its conservative mabits prevailed, counts being: $42,40,-, 40,40,-, 40,40,41,41,42, M 1 a:$ no message,M1a: 34,M1a: $40,-, 40,40,41,40,40,-, 40,40,40,40$ (11th April 2000) Blanks are missed transmissions.

M2 A 'special operation" transmission could have occurred on Tue 26 th December at 2200 on the non-standard freq of 3925 kHz . It used M2 format throughout and its special ID was 104.

MS The daily 278 transmission ended at the end of December. In early January the 552 reappeared at 1100 every Monday on a most unusual frequency: 7256 kHz , in the middle of the 41 m broadcast band and badly interfering with Deutsche Welle. This was a 3 month schedule and ended on the last Monday of March. A few messages were sent and also a few M3a type, both 333 s and 1ils. Many other IDs are following similar schedules and messages are generally at around the $30 \%$ level at present.

Me As well as its usual on-the-hour activities I logged a most unexpected 2210 trarimission on 5760 kHz (Thur) - if there's one like this there are probably others to look out for. All freqs may deviate very slightly but here are some known transmissions:-
0100: Wed 5118, Fri 5417
0200: Sun 4028, Mon 4017, Tue 4017, Wed 4028/4328, Thu 4017, Fri 402日, Sat 4017
0300: Sun 4028, Mon 4017, Tue 4028/7528, Wed 5417
0400: Mon 7682, Tue 3927/6767/7652, Wed 7520, Thu 6784/6854
0500: Tue 5417/7890, Wed 8066, Thu 4174/5800
0600: Mon 5910
0800: Tue 7520, Thu 6857/7520, Fri 6785
0900: Tue 6785, Fri 6785
1000: Thu 6826
1100: Mon 8066, Thu 4480, Fri 4174
There was no doubt about the 5750 transmission: it had all of M8's characteristics -this may be a regular slot.

M10 (8M7) Active 1Ds: 035, 25s (?now dropped), 357, 408, 505, 640, 651, 695, 803. 820 all heard on 3003,4030/15470, 4485//5027, 4835, 5027//8835, 7850//8190, 9165//7455 etc.
A variant format of M10 was heard for the first time on 4 th November, 2100 on $3003 / / ? ? ? ? k H z$ - for 15 minutes it sent 333 333333000 repeatedly, ending in an extra 000.

M11 I am almost certain that most; if not ally of these are either unidentified ' $B$ ' networks or the 'rogue' ' $C$ ' networks of M1. However, the very infrequent auto-keyed transmissions using this format are still very suspect. Until we learn more, we may as well lump all this M1-type detritus together and call it M11. The only clues differentiating the possible two stations are the keying and unlikely wide departures from M1's conservative 20 or 30 group format. There have been four of these in recent months, any of which may operate regular schedules. They need checking very carefully, and all comply with with the 20/30 format which would imply M1. They are:Wed Jrd Jan 1605 ?freq '325' :432 30= Mon 19th Feb 18204042 kHz '103' 8846 (repeated as 845!) 32= Thu 7th March $19005750 \mathrm{kHz} \cdot 713^{\prime}: 171$ 19= Date unknown ? $7835 \mathrm{kHz}{ }^{6} 673^{\circ}$

M13 IDs in use recently: 158-000 (one of those strange M13As), 173,253,254,261,341,346,379, 417,458,714, 803, 823,842,975 Highest serial number is 165 (for 803), just ahead of 164 (for 173) - these are for March. If continuing in April they will be one higher; i.e. 165 \& 166 . March's 173 message was of possibly record length: 37 groups. This station's group counts are usually in the low twenties. Groups don't seem to be as random as they could be (!), and could do with analysing more closely.

M17 Times and identifiers: Mon 2000-84, 2130-66, 2200-56, 2300-57; Tue 0800/0900-50, 1900/2000-58 \& 66, 2230-??: Wed 0800/0900-53, 1630-?? $1700-53,1900-70,1930 / 2030-50$ \& ? 40 s 2200-68; Thus 1500-60, 2030/2130-66, 2130/2230-56, 2200-03; Fri. no transmissions; sat 0400-57, 2100-68; Sun 2030-71, 2200/2300-67. Alternative times indicate seasonal change, when known. All transmissions operate on a week-of-month basis. Freqs in use (always, three used consecutively at 20
 $3410,3910,4270,4460,4740,5235,5695,5865,6290,6675,6930,7425,80$ 70,9050,9245,10470. May vary by + or - 10 or 20 kHz . A record 37 group count appeared on Tue 19.3 repeating Tue 26.3 - both at 2000 to 58862.

M18 Now on 3902.5 \& 4073 kHz , probably continuous, sending its seemingly pointless minute counts either 3 or 6 hours ahead of UTC.

M20 The chameleon station, M23 in disguise or maybe her sister; whoever she is she will not settle down. Has been
active in the usual bouts possibly every month for a week or so at a time. Dne of its variantss the one with the five lang zeroes call gives no clue as to whether a message will follow affern 5 minutes or not - we Mave to wait and seeg.e.g. Wed 8thNov 08307001 kHz (in the amateur band) sent a 20 group message, yet half an hour later on same freq no message followed its call. Its five Vs format ended on one occasion with its usual $=000$ at 2030 (null message, $3825 k H z$ ). In February its 0830 slot on 5540 kHz included this repeat format: $=$ ?? I I I I then VUVVVs for one minute followed by $=29$ I I $29=$ and the 29 group repeat followed, beginning and ending with the same group, 05905. (I have noticed this on several occasions with M23 also). Its March flurry at 1930 on 4767 kHz was again of the five $V$ type ending with a short pause and one further VVVVV then off. (several null messages were sent in this way)

M21 Rumoured to be Russian Naval, but proof is in short supply. This pops up all over the place with its endless quick bursts every minute counting them off, with the occasional message squeezing in. Of its two forms' the ??8????? freqs are: $6524,6220,5737,4574,4402,3281,3271,3337$. The ??0?????s are to be found on 5017, 4574, 3281.

M23 M20 in disguise, and has same scheduling pattern, a very odd one. In February a 2000 slot operated on 6918 kHz , an oid favourite, where the validity indicator 846 (all even) warned of a forthcoming message. One ( 44 group) message was of the Repeat-first-group-at-the-end type. For those who care it was 08001 - there always seem to be a couple of zeroes in these groups. A 2030 siot in March on 4630 kHz came up night atter night with ID 747 - only two odd numbers but still apparently a zero message indicator. Deathly silence followed after its 10 minute call, which always ends untidily without warning. On the first of April this slot disappeared - all very typical.

M24A The very first time a variant of the very active M14 has been logged - on 13 th December 5832 kHz an M24 (call missed!). ended in the expected way, in this case 50 groups: 5050 and in place of the usual five dashess. it then sent itss or another, call, 124, repeated 12 times, then BY MAND the following: $85485422==11111111110020300203=854$ 8542200000 (one of those strange two group messages used on rare occasions by its counterpart, S6). Was this a last minute addition to the 50 group message, indicating the agent's message had only just been received, or at least something of this nature?

M26 see M98
Note: M24A has similarities with E17A which probably is not a variant of E17 and needs re-allocafing.

M29 (VDE) Much more active nowadays. There may be several concurrent schedules in operationg and there are two variants. thessimpler one of which may have replaced the other. At the end lo last year "time" variants were activeg :- but no obvious schedules established - possibly due to lack of rigorous monitoring. See last issue for a typical example. These have since been heard on $9382,9263,6534,3200$ \& 3110 kHz . The simpler variant, M29A, uses the following format: VVV VVV DE VDE VDE VDE for five minutes, then UVV VVV DE VDE VDE VDE AR, short pause, VVV VVV DE VDE VDE VDE $===$ and straight into $5 F$ (pairs) ending AR. These groups are by no means random and regularly include repeats of 2,3 ,or $4 f$ sequences and even whole groups. The only other station using this unusual form of encryption is G4, the 3 -Note Dddity, and we suspect that VDE is its Morse counterpart (just as BTV is VT's). Further evidence towards this is its (nows at least) established schedule pattern. In March 1 found two schedules, both daily at 1800 on 5480 kHz s and 2000 on 4528 kHz . At the end of the month we expected these freqs to change, and sure enough, they did! The 1800 slot is at present on $4620 \mathrm{kHz}, 1700$ not yet sought. Like G4 no group count is given in this variant. It also sends much shorter messages than either ga or the original. M29 - between 11 and 18 groups so far. These transmissions are almost certainly coming from a Central European ex-Warsaw Pact country. They do not send messages in the normal sense of the word, but send intelligence of another form. Now on Summer Time.

M32-style complex There have been so many raports of stations similar to M32,operating at all times and on numerous fregs that we cannot handle the information! It is doubtful whether they are all related, although they da share callsign structures, amongst other elements, in common. M32 itself has been identified by two independant sources as a Russian military exercise net' which it could well have been. Not strictly something we'd cover: but interesting all the same see my article in when previous issue.

M33 PGK is back again on its usual 6960 kHz , and aiso a new freq in parallel of 5760 kHz (MCW), every(?) evening at 2000 \& 2100. P7X and similar calls are to be found on other freqs from time to time but are dess suspect, as they tend to have a more military-type aura. All probably from France.

M39 Active last few months of 1995, 0700,0800,0900 with 'instructions' (we can hardly call these single groups 'messages') to $034,231,287,405$ \& 497 . Freqs: $3013,4515,5293,6690$ \& 7810 . More on this another time.
*M44* A new station! First heard 14 th March on 3775 kHz . This operated 24 hours a day non-stop sending nothing but single
random 5-letter groups without breakss and oniy using the 26 letters of the Roman alphabet. A distinctive low buzz was used as modulation - interrupted carrier. This station disappeared by the following Thurstay, to be rediscovered, on 4620 kHz , and soon after, disappeared again and has not been found since. It originated, we believe, in the Nivernais region of France - but WHY?
*M45* Another new one! First heard on 28th March at
1700 on 6777 kHz . Here's the complete transcript: call 150 repeated for 5 minutes, then $0380382121=0000095990$ $1616288288498578481877208 \quad 2677408483 \quad 578517608105021$ $1982650443 \quad 350827430147157 \quad 95828 \quad 7372850645 \quad 73610$. (A11 paired) $==038$ 038 2121000 . The familiar 00000 first group and not quite random groups - there are four 88 sequences and two 578 sequences in this small sample - reminded me of another station, S21. So listening out for this one at its usual 2740 slot I was not that surprised to find that M45 is the morse counterpart of S21. Even more interesting was that the message was identical; only the in being different, $521^{\circ} 5$ being the expected 342 . This is a regular slot on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and it is quite likely that all s21's are associated with M45s but using different IDs. No other numbers stations have this peculiarity. Why send the same message in two modes? Strong signal. Slow cW.
*M46* At 0900 on 11 th Dec on 13060 kHz this popped up. Sending increasing $3 f$ groups at a random rate, most but not all separated by $=$ They ran all the way up from 008 (start missed) to 986, 56 groups in all and 41 of these were above 800. The ending was $=N N N N A R=====$ Short zero, CW.
*M47* On 29th January at 1530 on 5343 kHz CW another new station was sending increasing 1,2 \& $3 f$ groups. Ian of Perth, like myself again missed the beginning-198/95 206/95207/95 $\begin{array}{lllllllllllll}210 / 95 & 215 / 95 & 216 / 95 & 254 / 95 & 1 / 96 & 2 / 96 & 4 / 96 & 5 / 96 & 9 / 96 & 11 / 96\end{array}$ 12 :96 a few more then AR and off. He'd heard a similar transmission 'a few weeks' earlier. Perhaps they appear at near the end of each month. The $95 s$ \& $96 s$ probably refer to years, and the numbers possibly to message serial numbers or day numbers. A cumulative record of messages received, maybe?

M98 The '98' station has not been heard this year - so far: but long breaks are quite normal and no cause for concern!

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STATION CHECK LISTS - additiOns:-
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M10A - triplet-000 variant
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M24A - hand-keyed two group variant
M44 - Continuous 5 letter
M45 - Russian Lady morse, ends 000
M46 - 3f cumulative, ends $=$ NNNNAR $=====$
M47-1,2 \& $3 f$ eumulative, ends AR
M36-DELETE AT'S PQK !

## GINGLE LETTER MARKERR - MX

There hasn't been any noticeable change in activity levels. For the record - Permanent clusters (all c \& S): 20048, $16332,13527,10871,6495,7039,5154 / 4556 \mathrm{kHz}$ - these last two seem to alternate but are sometimes simultaneous.
Permanent solitaries - $3091: L$ - still with its chirp spent a while on 308ó; 3196:r; 3323:R: 3174:V - one night this one was having transmitter problems which sounded like arcing in the PA stage. It caused very bad GRM but was back to normal the following night. Transients - 3166,3806,3838: all P, often two running together: 4045:P These Ps sometimes end in short 5 fig messages with 33333 as last group. 4556:P - a cluster freg also. 4825:P, 6872:P - often around 0400-0900; 6972:P, 5880:P, 4546:V - may have been the permanent marker moved from 3174: 5274:V - irregular rate (MXV): 4325:R \& 4652:C - both possibly permanents venturing from their usual haunts. On 6th March a B appeared on 7440 kHz but by 0700 this had changed to V. This could have been a keying error as B markers don't seem to exist, however, $V$ markers being peculiar in several ways, have mutated like this before. (see note in last issue).

## ACTIVE MORSE STATIONS

The morse station news above does not necessarily cover routine station activity, and omits certain very active stations altogether, where no significant changes have taken place. Many of those covered above are still carrying on their usual operations. All the following are active at their normal levels, and following their usual scheduling patterns:M1, M2, M3, M4, OLX, M7, M8, M10, M11?, M12, M14/24, M17, M1日, M20, M21, $4 \times Z(M 22), M 23, \quad B T V(M 27), \operatorname{HEP}(M 28)$, UDE (M29), FDC(M30) - we 11 publish something on this in next issue), M32 complex, P8K(M33), M35, M39, M42, M43, M45, M46?, M47?, M34?, M3s?, M26? M16(8BY) was last reported in January after becoming nore and more erratic - it may or may not be still arourd - I must admit, I haven't looked for it *

There have been so many M32-like and pseudo-commercial marker variety stations about lately, that instead of publishing further details in this issue, an article devoted to these is planned for ENIGMA 1.. Whether or not any of these are "numbers" related is uncertain - they are definitely not all "military exercise nets" - 6xMB \& C37A for example.

Many thanks to all of you who have sent in logs. With morse activity rising we need more dedicated monitors. If any reader would like to help us unravel some of the deeper mysteries of any particular station please let us know, and. we' 11 supply you with all the useable information we have on that station.

* 8BY still active but erratic - April


## THE TWO-TONE STATION (M1)

By M.B.
Part 2 - the end
Continuing from the last issue, we will devote this feature entirely to the intriguing transmissions which occur on the. A network, three times at the end of each month. It is these which make M1 by far the most varied of all numbers stations. They follow the normal ' $A$ ' network scheduling pattern, and never occurred on the other networks. They can be heard only on the last Thursday and Saturday of every month, as follows:Thursday 1800 \& 2000, Saturday 1500. They use the same seasonal IDs and frequencies that were listed in ENIGMA 9, and are hand-keyed as are all Mi transmissions. The three are. always different and never repeated

However, the format used is radically different, although a normal-type message format is sometimes included towards the end of the transmission, with one odd difference - groups are not paired, nor are decode key, nor is the group count. This is the M1b variant. To simplify our understanding of these transmissions, they need to be seen as a string of elements which have different purposes and many of which are optionals and not necessarily ever-present in any particular transmission. On rare occasions a normal M1 transmission takes place, complete with paired groups, which is always a rather disappointing anti-climax:

## Analysis of elements

All elements are separated by periods of silence ranging from a few seconds to over a minute, depending on at what stage they occur. Their approximate length can usually be estimated with a little experience, but the sudden return of keying without warning is always a little disconcerting! Only tho elements are common to all transmissions - the first and last - all the rest are "optional"s however, elements of particular types always occur in the same order. Frequent. use is made of "triplet" operational codes i.e. 111, 333; 777 \& 999. The first element always begins with the present schedule number which is seasonalg and the same as used by the usual M1 for calling i.e. 197,463 or 025. The second part of this element consists nearly always of a single five figure group, the first twa figures of which are related to the season of operation. (the single exception will be coverad later) A typical example of a complete first element would bea 0250250251272812728 where the figures 12 are related to the 025 schedule only, and not to any other. In practice, this element would be sent like this between four and seven times - the number of repeats depends on the operator's dedication and has no obvious significance. We'll call this first element, element $A$.

A long, silent break then follows lasting from 45 to 70 seconds, although it is supposed to be one minute, at least this is what the more diligent operators aim for, no donata with stop watch at the ready! The second element then fallows and is identical to the first except that the schedule number is now a triplet - 111 or 333 , usually $333 . \quad$ The 5 -figure group, although still related to the sehedule number is never. the same. This is an actual example, a continuation of the one given earlier (June 1994, 2000): 333 11386 11386 where the 11 is related to the 12 previpusly. Again, this element will. repeat about 5 or 3 times. We 11 call this element 81.

After a further silence another element of this structure may follow, again with 333 and a further, but related 5 -figure pair. We 11 call that B2.
The next element (element $C$ ) is more variable than the others and seems to refer to the dates of previously received messages within that month, as the figures are always less. than the date of transmission. From this point onwards no elements are repeated, so if missed the first time, one gets no further chance. This indicates that they are of less. importance, and more a matter of confirmation of receipt or otherwise. To make things even more confusing this element has two forms - we 11 call them cx \& Cy. CX always begins with a triplet - 111333 or 777 - and is followed by a few figures: the dates. Different operators have different ways of designating these, which can lead to ambiguity. Nearly always the triplet is 333. I have only logged one 111 and one 777, and both were interesting: $11177 \quad 55$ and 7770633310 . The 77 \& 55 cannot be dates, unless they mean 7 th and 5 th repeated, but in other cases dates are always listed in order singly. The 777 included a 333 in the same element, each referring to different dates. The cy element is rarer, and consist of 020 or 040 not necessarily followed by dates. Like the triplets, these are also operational codes, and not surprisingly, decode keys of 0-0 are never used, neither are triplets. .
Element $D$ only occurs when a message is to follow and is always 111999 (except once when in January $1996[2000]$ the 899 was omitted. As soon as the message began I expected an error. had been made, but another peculiarity was the low group count of 20, never before recorded, so it may not have been).

Soon after this the message begins - usual group count 40 just like M1. Deviations are not common. Everything is sent once oniye.g. $35840=9762051104 \ldots . .999663=35840$ About $60 \%$ of transmissions include a message like this element $E$.

Element $F$ sometimes follows about $10-15$ seconds later and
consists of 111 followed by one or two 5-figure groups all sent once only. They are un-related to schedule number and appear random.
The final element $G$ follows immediately after a message, but less quickly after any of the elements $B$ or $C$ and never follows $A$ ) is the ending, which is 111 000 sent once. The 111 . is always omitted after a straight end-of-month transmission, and was once omitted after an Mib, perhaps an error.

## Reconstruction

If all this sounds confusing, here's a reconstruction of an imaginary transmission which, unrealistically, includes all. possible elements, giving examples of each:-

A: 4634634634832148321 (sent 6 times - 1 min pause)
B1: 3334729947299 (as above)
日2: 1114847248472 (as above)
CX: 335081721 (30 second pause)
D: 111999 ( 10 second pause)
E: $27741=(41$ single $5 f$ random groups $)=27741$.
F: (20 second pause) 1110637218863
G: (15 second pause) 111000
Theoretically, this transmission could accually take place. . The shortest actual M1a only included two elements, and a 333 was exceptionally included in the first one:
1971971973338901189011 (all only sent twice?)
(15 second pause) 111000

## Relationship of Seasonal 5 f Groups

As mentioned earlier, the $5 f$ groups used in elements A \& 8 are related to the schedule in operation - which is seasonal. The first two figures are the most significant, although the others are by no means random - sometimes the indentical group will appear months or years apart - but never out of season.
025 uses: 10111213
463 uses:4748-50-51-59
197 uses: $363738-53-61-64-80-86878889$
A few clusters are noticeable, but why does 197 use 53 , when 51 and 59 belong to 463 ? Why has 197 got almost three times as many as 025? Will we ever know? Does it matter? Any ideas?
MIA/B HAS SIMILARITES WITH $525 A / B$

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\begin{aligned}
& P Q-494 / .500130271693223323798032 \quad 9508703111148828597173434 / 2 \\
& \text { 497/ } 111 \text { AA GR43 via other means: } T \text { - For } H_{3} \mathrm{~F} \text { - Wor X } \\
& \begin{array}{lllllllllllll}
503 / & 9449 & 7852 & 4327 & 9243 & 8858 & 3007 & 1738 & 6660 & 0704 & 1498 & 1411 & 8885
\end{array} \\
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Since the ourly days of BNIGMA seens like a good idea just to the subject of Humber Sutilions. reference material is auailable reading.

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Readera in the morth of Rngland may have zeern a television programe in the series. Close Up North broadcast in mid - January 1996.

## FISHIMG FOR SECRETS

A former trawlex skipper has told how Bxitish Intelligence recruited hili and other fishermen to spy on the Russians. At the heisht of the Cold war according to Mason Rediern, they provided valuable information for MIG on Soviet naval operations in the Arctic.

Mr Redfern has kept silent about his role in the world of espionage for 30 years. He says he is speaking out nop in protest at the Government's refusal to compensate today's fishermen for the loss of their livelihoods in the battle over EU quotas.

He says that during the sixties and Seventies tramler skippers photographed Soviet warships under the cover of fishing some of the wost sensitive waters in tha morld.

He recalls being issued with a camera with a telephoto lens, a 2ft telescope and an identity chart showing the silhouettes of enemy craft.

Tramler owners in Hull and Gximsby wexe paid thousands of pounds in compensation when catches mere reduced by spying activities.

- When we spotted Russian vessels, my eyes nexe peeled for radar equipment, antennae and evidence of missile systems".

The programe also shomed how "extra" fishermen mere placed on vessels - they spent time on board locked in the radio room with equipment which they had brought on board. These "extra" fisheraen carried out monitoring activities frow the tramlers as they sailed close to the Russian coast. Equipment was stored in weighted bags - which in the event of boarding by the Russians mould be theonn over-board.

At the time the Labour Governaent refuted claims that fishermen were involved. But in the programme, Lord Rodgers, who as Bill Rodgers was Defence Minister at the time, clains he was misled, probably by laval Intelligence, into issuing a denial.

In 1974, fishermen's leaders rebelled against their involvement in spying after the freezer trakler Gaul disappeared off the North Cape of Horway with the loss of 36 crem. An official inquiry concluded that the trawlex had been overwhelmed by huse seas. Bereaved relatives believe, however, that she was caught while spying and that Russia and Britain are to this day conspiring to conceal the truth.

Reports from the United States in 1990 suggested that more than 200 Soviet "survey \& research" and so called "fishing tranlexs" aere festooned with antennas and surround the American coastiine.

The suggestion of "Rupber" station broadcasts fron ships have persisted for many years, indeed, BNIGMA continues its omn investigations into the former offshore Radio North Sea Intematiomal.

RADIO NORTHSEA INTERNATIDNAL - the espionage links
This is just a short reply to certain people who have written in, believing in all honesty, that RNI was purely and simply there to provide entertainment. We can assure you that this was the case only during its latter period, and even at the end, the ship complete with transmitters, was sold to the Libyan government. BVD, MIS, BND and CIA all had an interest in it from the early days. More on RNI will be published later but here are a few points to ponder: Why did two Stasi agents (Meister \& Bollier) set up a pirate station in the first place, the first ever with MF transmitters? Why was it financed largely by the DDR government? Why did it have mysterious links with Biafra, Libya and the UDBA, the Jugoslav State Security Service? Why was $£ 25,000$ worth of bugging equipment found by the Dutch PTT when they raided Meister's and Bollier's suite at the Grand Hotel. Scheveningen? Why did the British government decide to jam RNI, an unprecedented action? Where do the antics of the Tyrolean Music Station (G1) fit in to the jig-saw? What were the out-of-hours coded transmissions all about, and what was in that locked room.....? For those who still doubt, there are many more questions of this nature which remain unanswered.

And, of course, by now it is common knowledge that it was Edwin Bollier who supplied Libya and the Stasi with certain electronic timers just prior to the Lockerbie 'accident'. It was one of these supplied to the DDR that found its way to the PFip-GC, and ultimately into the explosive device on Flight 103. (Incidentally, that other bomb on the MEBO II was ironically, totally unconnected with espionage activities, and was, as you rightly say, Jacques, merely the result of commercial rivalry).
M.G.

## For AR:

This isn't in the county of Lincolnshire nor has it any connection with a noctumal operator from that county, of course. Perhaps that other Dark operator, Sefton Delmer, had his HQ in Eldon Road? Photo taken June 1995.

## C. Sands

D.S. May we draw your attention to a short paragraph on page 44.


## MRMERRS OURSTIONNAIRR - THF RRSULTS

Gemank you to all our readers who have taken time out to return our questionnaire, this was sent out to reader who pere due to renew their subscriptions for issues $9 \% 10$.

Why did $\begin{gathered}\text { We produce a questionnaire ? The main reasons were to find out }\end{gathered}$ what you thought of the newsletter and also to ask what changes you would like to see.

The results are presented in two sections. The first part profiles our readers and what they you think of the Newsletter and the second reviews your coments.

We received over 50 replies from a total of 80 issued, a $65 \%$ response rate is wery high. THANK YOU.

OUR READERS - THR PROEILE
Q1. How did you find out about ENIGMA?

| Short Haye Magazine | 32\% | International. St League | 6\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Not Sure | 13\% | Science Museum | $5 \%$ |
| British DX Club | 12\% | BBC Monitoring Service | 4\% |
| Horld DX Club | 7\% | Blectron (Germany) | 32 |
| Practical $\begin{gathered}\text { fixeless }\end{gathered}$ | 7\% | Radio Nederland | $3 \%$ |
| Funk Magazine (Geriany) | 6\% | Austrian Radio ORF | 2\% |

(Thank you to all above organisations for your support).

Q2. Do you monitor Number Stations ? Regulaxly Occasionally Never 34\% 63\% 3\%

| Q3. Do you specialise ? Utilities Broadcast Anateur Numbers |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | $30 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $18 \%$ |

Hany reader ticked more than one choice (which was fine) and this is reflected in the total of $60 \%$ who are regular Utilities/Numbers listeners.

Q4. If Numbers Stations, how many years have you monitored these?
The average of all listeners was 8 years.

Q5. Have you kept logs over this period?
Yes 65\% No 35\%

Q6: Do you have a particular interest in espionage-related activities as opposed to related radio comanications ?

Yes 82\% No 18\%

Q7. Would you bo prepared to monitor a particular station and/or prepare schedules etc ?

Yes 58\% No 35\% Not Certain $7 \%$

Q8. Do you think RNIGMA is good value for money?
YES 98\% No 0\% Fair 2\%

QS. How do you rate the following aspects of ghxcma?

| ce Station Mems | VG 71\% | G | 29\% | \% | 0\% | P | 0\% | VP | 0\% |  | 100\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Morse Station News | VG 47\% | G | 40\% | F | $7 \%$ | P | 0\% | VP | 6\% |  | 100\% |
| Letters to EXIGMA | VG 34\% | $G$ | 56\% | F | 10\% | P | 0\% | VP | 0\% |  | 100\% |
| Things That Go Buzz | VG $47 \%$ | G | 38\% | F | 6\% | P | 0\% | VP | $0 \%$ |  | 100\% |
| Sinon Mason Writes. | VG $43 \%$ | G | 56\% | F | 1\% | P | 0\% | VP | $0 \%$ |  | 100\% |
| Bookshelif | VG 36\% | G | 48\% | T | 18\% | P | 0\% | Ve | 0\% |  | 100\% |
| Station Feature | VG 58\% | G | 34\% | F | 8\% | P | 0\% | VP | 0\% |  | \% |

Q10. Which words best describe the general style of the Newsletter ?
*This was a multiple choice question and from the total sampled each word scored as follom - from a potential of 100\% - i.e evexy reader choosing that pord.

| Maximun selection |  | 52 | times. | Maximun |  | 100\% | of Selection |
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| Serious | Selected | 28 | tines | from 52 | $=$ | 53\% | of potential |
| Educational. | Selected | 20 | times | from 52 | $=$ | 39\% | of potential |
| Friendly | Selected | 26 | tines | from 52 | $=$ | 50\% | of potential |
| Authoritative | Selected | 19 | tines | from 52 | $=$ | 37\% | of potential |
| Detailed | Selected | 44 | times | from 52 | = | 85\% | of potential |
| Accurate | Selected | 22 | tizes | from 52 | $=$ | 42\% | of potential |
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| Boring | Selected | 0 | times | from 52 | $=$ |  | of potential |
| Superficial | Selected | 0 | times | from 52 | = | 0\% | of potential |
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* Pointless mas mentioned in the context that we never decode anything.

On the next pages me take a look at your comments about the Newsletter and what else you would like to see.

## THE WRUSLETTRR－PRTNTING \＆FORMAT

The print quality of ENIGMA came in for some adverse coments along with the samll size of the print，the other main comments in this area related to the adoption of a consistent format．
＊We have tried hard to improve this area of concern and hope that issue 9 pas much better．The format will continue as per issues 898 10，we are trying to keep a check on the size of the print and guality of reproduction．

## －SECTIONS

The general consensus of opinion was that the sections with in the newsletter were about right，the comment－leave it alone－came zeross from any readers．Although it depends on your om particular intereses many readers asked for sections to be extended．

Morse coverage，Simon Mason lixites \＆Things That Go Buzz all scored nell，but the Book Reviews received a mixed following．Sone readers asked for a better layout of Voice Neps．
＊The message＂leave it alone＂was the strongest．We vill try to open up certain sections further，but this also relies on your input．棤e are trying to improve the layout，but the way in which some stations are scheduled makes it difficult to follow just one format．
－THE MATERIAL CONTBNT
Your comments about the nemslettex mere vexy positive，coments included ；
＂All that could be desired＂
＂留ighly inpressed＂
＂Rfficient \＆responsible style＂
Other readers referred to＂too mach information＂making it difficult to take everything in and a bit＂wordy＂．Others asked for nore editions with less content．And some suggested we make it more fun to read．
＊留e mere pleased with all your comments and happy that so many readers like the end product．At present we air for 3 issues per year． Really，I am afraid it is all down to time ！te also try to allow you sufficient time to digest each issue and make contributions for the next one．

## －EDITORIAL COMMEWT

Positive suggestions about the way we treat the subject were received， some readers were un－happy with the tenuous links between stations （e．g．hor do we know that stations like Swedish Rhapsody k M are related）．We were asked not to put pet names to station in serious journal－＂Bulgarian Betty＂was one example．

The matr inamanrounded our attampa to put locations and operators mainst stations - you suggested that we could certainly speculate but should not commit until me had a firm transmitter or agency location.

* He only link stations together when we are certain that they are operated by the swa orgamisation - this is based on extensive monitoring. The use of pet names is an evolutionary process and since the introduction of our Control Lists the naming of stations has become easier. We will continue to use names such as Lincolnshire Poacher along side its (E3 prefix) since it uses the musical interlude for identification purposes.

ENIGMA is a discussion forua and he welcome 'speculation' but agree that no firm operators should be named nithout first having lacated the transmitter sites.

- HHAT BLSE WOULD YOU LIRE TO SEE ?

The following areas of interest pere all mentioned ;

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& \text { Features on - Stations in the Far Bast. } \\
& \text { - Stations in North \& South Amexica. } \\
& \text { - Codes Cipher, Encryrption, One-Time } \\
& \text { Pads, De-cryption. } \\
& \text { - Direction finding equipment \& exercises. } \\
& \text { - Transmitter Sites. } \\
& \text { - The Horkings of a Numbers Station. } \\
& \text { - WWII II the BMIGMA systern, including } \\
& \text { the VI's and ex mireless operators. } \\
& \text { - Intruder watch \& Data Transmissions. } \\
& \text { - Research on in-active stations. } \\
& \text { - The History of Rumber Stations over } \\
& \text { the last } 40 \text { years. }
\end{aligned}
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* We pould be very happy to look at everyone of the subjects you have mentioned. If you are interested in writing a feature of contributing towards a subject we would be very pleased to hear from you.

Other more specific requests included ;

- The Control lists issued separately.
- A list of cyrfilic \& morse symbols.
- A 'sorted by frequency list'.
- A classified advertisements section.
- A home page on Internet - Alt BNiGMA.
- Technical inforaation on equipment used by readers 昷 receiver recommendations.
- Information on current books available on the subject.

We are always looking for ideas ! We also keep every piece of inforaation we receive frow you, nothing is ever disposed of, this is then used towards features which appear in future issues.

We mere asked a number of guestions on the documents you returned along with other suggestions not covered. We will äteppt to ansper some of these here.

One good suggestion was to take a small short wave receiver with you When going on holiday. Comparing signal strengths ovexseas helps us to get an idea of the general area of a station and its targets.

Several readers again voiced concern about the legal position of listening to Number Stations and 21 so keeping logs and documents.
維e always try to protect our readers and only pablish first names and general locations. We also welcome anonymous information. By there wery nature Xuaber Stations are intended to be heard, however, me seen unlikely to learn anything about message content. Iegally (in the UK) listening to almost anything except licensed radio broadcasters and gateurs is illegal, this then leases about $95 \%$ of the radio spectrum we should not then tune to.

We were asked to clarify the situation concerning readers in Morth \& South America. KNIGMA is only a small organisation, it was felt that we would be-unable to handle the very high potential distribution of copies to the America"s. We have restricted nembership to Burope, The C.I.S and Middle Fast. We do have several readers in India \& The Fir East.

Several readers do receive copies in the USA, but we have not advertised or promoted BMIGMA in this area. We adrised soae well known monitors in the States that they were pelcome to reproduce inforqation from RNIGMA in other publications if they mished to do so.

Another comment me received read - why do you stick to riddles/nysteries when a mystery is unmrapped? Like SLHFB's which are in fact Naval Channel Markers. No systery at all or the BT ??? "time signal station" ghich ise operated by the Russian Aix Defence Service. no mystery.

To ansmer, ENIGHA deals in an area full of mysteries and riddles, the stations mentioned are not listed in any official publicationss nor do they have official call-signs, as such we can only speculate as to their purpose and origin. Rumours of Russian involvement are surgested by monitors in the USA. It is important to gather firp evidence about BUIGMA related subjects before saying for certain what is what and where it is coming frod.

We believe that Lincolnshire Poacher is operated by MIC, but we still wish to know nore - where are the transmitters ? what are its targets ?, What goes on behind the scenes ?, we should not stop researchina a station until we are happy with all the snswers, just like SLHEB"s \& the BT ???... - the more information we can gather the better.

And last but not least we were asked how many readers we have, on direct mail around 200. The newsletter is also re-copied and distributed by second parties. KNIGMA vas described by one reader as having a meabership like the "US Comunist Party" - more infiltrators than 'real" nembers ! (no offence intended).
 good news for the editors !

Your response rate was very high - which is rare pith questionnaires - most of us don't like filling then out and only one reader seemed to dislike the idea of being asked questions about hinself.

We will try hard to make the improvements you have requested. Above all rere the excellent suggestions concerning the kind of things you would like us to tackle in the future.

You have given us lots of ideas for future features and we mill also look at the specific requests you have aade.

We feel that it is important to concentrate on our core activities and not becone too mainstrean, there are lots of excellent aagazines and nemsletter which cover every aspect of the "radio" hobby, but ENIGMA covers things others do not.

The nost important part of ENIGMA - ARE YOU THE RRADBRS - without which we would have no newsletter. We would ask you to help us in the following ways ;

Send in your logs and station news.
Let us have your coments about any aspect of Number Station listening \& the Newsletter.

Contact us if you are interested in ariting a feature.

Any information on espionage (in the press or media) are of interest to BirgMA.
look in your local area -- Number Stations transmitters could be nearer than you think.

Tell us about local transmitter sites.
Take a SW radio on holiday - tell us what you hear.

If you are not a regular contributor, ake it your Nea Years resolution to drop us a line.

Thanks for all your support, we are now at issue 10 , when we started We never inagined that BNIGMA would be so successful, there is still much to learn about this little knomn area of the listening hobby.
PLEASE KBEP. IN TOUCH \& LET'S LOOK-FORUARD THE NEXT 10 ISSUBS ...........


THE H.S. NLMBERS SCENE - a review of the October 1994 'Monitoriramimes' Convention By M.G.

We received a recording over a year ago of John Fulford and Larry van Horn speaking at the above Convention. It is labelled "Spy Number Stations".
On the whole, it was rather a disappointment, yet this came as no great surprise, as, by now, we have become accustomed to the general poor quality of material which emanates from that country. Despite having said this, it does not stoop to the levels of "Havana Moon" and his wild filights of fancy. It only emphasises how much more rigorous we are at investigating numbers stations, here in Europe. Even in 1994 we were well ahead of the USA in the crucial matter of station identification.

My two major criticisms were the disorganised and overfrivolous presentation, and the totally inadequate, unsystematic method of station naming. The lack of knowledge of non-US numbers stations was also painfully in evidence throughout. The presentation was littered with unsupported bland statements, reminiscent of those burgeoning us evangelical broadcasts with their unshakeable dogma; but thankfully lacking the ranting!
Beginning with "It's going to be fun:" and jokingly saying they'd swear on the bible that they were not Havana Moon, I was put off from the start. However, it was all a salutary reminder to avoid at all costs the shallow, hobbyist. approach so dear to the Americans. Much of van Horn's contribution was based on D/F intercepts, and not until near the very end did the source of these become apparent, when a member of the audience asked a question. (The acoustics were very poor, and audience response was virtually incomprehensible - most frustrating as speakers did not repeat these responses) The brief reply to this question, by Fulford, was "I've got a buddy at the FCC. He tracks these. .....I've got lots of good friends there", which seemed to satisfy the enquirer; it certainly doesn't satisfy ma! The FCC is a us government agency, which officially does not recognise numbers stations. These buddies" may not be quite what they seem; their material may be selectively disinformed. To obtain an accurate fix on a station, two, preferably three or four, widely spaced DF sites are necessary. Several 'buddies' would need to be co-operating worldwide to supply van Horn et al with material. Van Horn refers to the antenna (note the singular) used as a Wollenburger', which may be the influence of American "fast food at work: it is a Wullenweber, a German circularlydisposed array designed in WWII and first used at Hjörring. One of these in USA would be next to useless for DFing European stations.

The results, for what they are worth, (capriciously presented with a reckless confidence) are as follows:- (in actual order)

SLHFMs: "all D/Fed to Russia" but: ABEHITVWNX not Russia KPA (the only one they could recall): Mossad, from timasael and Eyprus - interesting!
KWL 90: Closed. US Dept of State (true) Clark AFB - volcano
KWABO: replaced above. At Bangkok.
8BY: "D/Fed to Indonesia" !! (A long way from france)
"Czech YL 5-Digit YL Trumpet \& Drum Station... Riyadn, Saudi Arabia" !! It is not Czech but Bulgarians and the location is wrong.
KWK95: Us Dept of State, Cairo Embassy.
"Get the ambience of. what we're doing? I want your mind to wander a little bit" (sic - no comment!)
"English YL $3 / 2$ digit - RAF Cyprus. Lincoln...." (Didn't know rest of name! Nor is it a $3 / Z_{\text {g }}$ but is 5 F )
"Romanian 5-digit Skylark - Romania" (Yes!)
"English $3 / 2$ digit - S. of Athens" (Poacher, CIA or what?)
"English $3 / 2$ digit - Isle of Crete"
"Is there a pattern seen here? Yes, there is!" (I must be going blind, for I can't see one).
"Czech 5-digit YL - replaced by a station, OLX" (OLX is also a Czech 5-digit female - this is meaningless!)
"Up in England around RAF Barford, (comma deliberate) Saint John are KRH50 and 51. Not in London... but over at the RAF base" (The prefix 'Royal Air Force" is often used as a euphemism for designating uS military establishments in Britain - it is nominal only, and includes a token RAF liaison officer to deal with concerns of the local inhabitants. ['natives' in USAF parlance!] Far from being an RAF base, Barford St John is a major US HF transmitting site, run by USAF, and widely used by CIA. This, and the receivers at Croughton are linked by microwave [DEB] and line to the US Embassy in London).
"Around London - an English 5digit Nos Station" (??)
"English YL Numbers, German 3/2 digit - N.France" (??)
"DKX - out of Europe" (part of KUL network)
"German 3/2-out of Europe" (??)
"English 5-digit number - German/French border" (??)
KKN44: "We had a small problem in Liberia ...a revolt, this
was destroyed with it" (true)
"English YL $3 / 2$ digit - Recife, Brazil"
"English YL 5 digit - Cayman Islands"
"Spanish 5-digit YL - Cuba and Nicaragua"
"5-digit morse, cut numbers type stuff - Cuba"
KUC KUL YDU -"Cuba, RTTY type"
KKN39 \& "Spanish YL 4-digit - Jupiter Inlet" (Florida)
"Spanish YL 4-digit, English YL 3-digit, KKN5O - Warrington,
Virginia, secret CIA base comms facility" (Warrenton)
"s-digit morse - Fort Campbells Kentucky" (the most sweeping statement of them all!)
"Whale Noises on 11267 \& 6693 (first mention of fregs 50 far) - 'Hicom" (whatever that is) AT\&T - merely feedback from Jacksonville and Norfolk military comm facilities" Vague References to Cutler (Maine) and Diego Garcia in connection with Water Dripper - then says it's an OTHR in "Nova Scotia neck of the woods, looking for drug-runners" (??) "Simon Mason, 'Langley Pierce" and ENIGMA people very rarely hear 5-digit and 4-digit no. stas.in Europe. Gee, I wonder why!" (emphasis mine - if this were true we'd have nothing to do -- almost!) Then he says, "They"re heading South!" oh, I see, he's refarring to US no. stations, but it's not clear. He goes on to talk of $4,5 \% 3 / 2$ being 'mission specific', and mentions US Special Forces as using s-digit morse, as.they did from Cayman just before they invaded Haiti. The preference for the higher freqs by the KUL network "smacks of long-haul" (it does) and baud rate and shift "smacks of Russia", and concludes that it is a DGI-Russia link. Actually it is more than this.

He ends by emphasising his dedication to cold, hard facts, and avoidance of Havana Moon's approach and wild speculations, but the value of the research is marred by poor and vague station identification, and a lack of independant supporting evidence.

John Fulford covers various related points in a haphazard fashion, and tells us little we don't already know. He intriguingly mentions, in connection with us facilities on Guam, "ties between religious broadcasters and numbers stations" - not as outlandish as it seems. Referring to US numbers, he says 4-digit traffic is "routine", $3 / 2$ traffic reflects international events "especially on Mossad channels" - they don't use $3 / 2$ so what does he mean? With "5digit English, really intriguing things are going on $\ldots$ special forces".

He finishes by saying that when sending in logs, not to forget to include detaiis of language, gender, no. of digits, UTC and day of week. We would say that much more is needed in order to properly indentify a station, and what about the vast majority of activity, which is morses not voice? Format details are absolutely vital.

* A mysterious "song and dance" station once appeared on top of a Numbers Station on 6840 kHz , and a member of the audience admitted to this, and why not? He had as much right to be there as the spook! Lastly, a possibly apocryphal tale of modern folklore, a report of a PIRATE numbers station sending the names of Mexican foods in place of digits! My ambition is to get that one on the menu ...sorrys tape.


## E.N.I.G.M.A. Bookshelf

Not quite an ENIGMA book revier this details of a book via the Internet readers.
issue, however, we did receive which may be of interest to
"HES HOBBYIST'S GUIDE TO COMINT COLLECTION \& ANAKYSIS
The Hobbyist's Guide to COMXT Collection \& Analysis, uritten and published'by Tom Roach, opens some very new territory. COMINT is an acronym for comunications intelligence. The public's knowledge of COMINT is almost totally historical and derives from the publication of such books as : "The American Black Chamber" a book written by Anericas's father of cryptology Herbert Pardley, David Kahn's blockbuster "The Codebreakers", and James Banfords"s Puzzle Palace, to mention some of the best knorn books dealing rith this arcane subject.

The Hobbyist's Guide to COMINT Collection and Analysis breaks new ground here, since it provides information on how easily the reader can collect and analyse COMINT. It turns out this can be done rith radio receivers and "decoder" boxes which are easily purchased on the open market. The book reveals some very interesting Russian messages Mr. Roach has received using a shortwave receiver and "decoder" while sitting in the comfort of his den. And what a bizarre catch he reveals. The messages range in subject matter from the deliberate caning of fish tainted by toxic naste, to an "upper air weather" message broadcast from a Russian tramler sitting off Vandenberg AFB. The Russian vessel was monitoring tests of United States anti-missile launches from Vandenberg to Kwajelein.

The book even includes intercepts, and technical descriptions of four distinctly different types of KRIPTOGRAMM messages. These are messages which use special Russian encryption methods (still in use). The messages are sent by both Russian tranlers (who catch a lot more than Fish!) and Space Bvent Support Ships (SBSS). You are even instructed in how to learn when, and where, the next Russian ICBM shot will impact in the icy waters off the Kamehatka peninsula. You learn hor to find the proper radio frequency to monitor ship traffic in the middle 『ast. As a convenience, the book comes with a spiral metal binder so it can lay flat on the desk of the home COMINT collector deciphering the latest Russian "20101" messages. Lest you believe only the Russians provide matexial for the hobbyist, the author reveals hor he intercepted a U.S. military classified message accidentally sent in the clear. The techniques discussed in this book can be applied to almost any sort of radio traffic.

The reader is provided examples of various Russian "nuaber" messages, thich at first glance may appear "encrypted". Mr. Roach gives the exact methodology which resulted in one such message"s "decryption". A whole chapter is is devoted to teaching the uninitiated in hor to "decipher" similar messages on their own. The means by which the Internet can be used to allow hobbyists to share information, get translations, and conbine intercepts to gain greater insight is described.

Accozdises to the muthor, you dors"t gwan need to be able to apenk Russian to get the basic meaning of the many Russian messages that are still being broadcast. Mr. Roach stresses that COMMNT, even at this level, provides a real insight into just what extent, and how successfully. "capitalist" ventures are developing in the "nem" Russia. In fact, Mr. Roach has published a second book, Hobbyist"s" COMINT Russian Radio-teletype Dictionary, to assist those who actually take up the hobby.
The book breaks new ground in showing hor much information can be gathered at remarkably small costs by those so inclined. While the author believes that this book could be used to encourage youngsters to seek a career in such arcane pursuits as radio traffic analysis, this may be merely pishful thinking. The book would have benefited from some tighter editing, especially the overly long section describing how to use Compuserve (an on-line conmercial computer service) to recover bizarre stories giving details of radio broadcasts from Iran, Indonesia, Iraq and North Korea.
Does this book reveal secret methods and classified government data? Is "national security" threatened? The answer to both questions is no. Nothing here but common sense and the will to put together openly available information. of course when some Princeton undergradute had the temerity to reveal in a book how to make an atomic meapon, the government tried, unsuccessfully, to suppress the information. Who knows what action government(s) will take with regard to this book. NSA may have good reason to feel threatened when the public finds out how much information can be obtaimed at a cost which is a small. fraction of mhat it pays its lowest grade technocrat in a single year $!$
The HOBBYIST'S GUIDE TO COMINT COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS is the ideal for the would be spook, serious military researcher, and anyone who wants to read an amusing and fact filled account of just how much somebody, given the inclination, can learn from easily intercepted radio commuications.

The book is available direct from the author.
Cost ; In the United States $\$ 24.00$ which includes shipping and handling via 2 day Priority Mail.

Outside the United States $\$ 28.00$ which is via Air Mail.
Payment via cheque or money order (US dollars only).

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My thanks to David in Leeds for sending ENIGMA details of this book which appears on Internet. My thanks also to the original poster of the infornation.

## Simon Mason Writes

Hello again, greatings to everyone around the porld.
Mossad activity has been very unusual in the last six months or so, especially around the time of the Israeli Premier Rabin's assassination.
In the early qutum, on 12 September 1995, the station MIM obviously had an important message to send. It all started at 11.00 UTC on that date when on $14750 / / 17170$ and 20425 kHz , MIW sent the following message :
11.00 - "MIW" 11.02 - "MESSAGE, MESSAGR, GROUP 12, GROUP 12, TEXT, TEXT" ${ }^{\circ}$
DXHVF HSTXS VQHET ZWJGG WPJHz BGHMY ANORL UNAQT ETGVH LYKMM XJMZP FDAOL

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11.09 - "END OF MBSSAGE, BND OF TRANSMISSION, MIU, MIN..."
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Note that after the "end" nessage, it went straight into the "MIW": call-up again. This was repeated continuesly until around 18.00 when the above three frequencies were replaced by 6656 kHz , but the same message was being sent. The transmission on 6658 kHz continued through the night and at 08.00 on 13 Septeaber $1995,6658 \mathrm{kHz}$ ended and 14750 started up again folloned by $17170 / / 20425$ khz shortly afterkard. Eventually at 11.00 , after sending the same message for 24 hours, MIK fell silent and at 11.15 "MIW 2 " "as sent.

Don't these number stations ever check their output or scheduling ? Quite a fer instances of stations sending messages on the same frequencies have been noted, a regular occurrence is the 03.00 UTC OLX transmission on 5301 kHz which gets tangled up with a German Counting Station on at the same time.
Bad enough, but don't you think that the German 2 -Letter station "SIBRRA BRAVO" on 11545 kHz at 22.30 recently could have done without not only LINCOLHSHIRE POACHER station, but its unvelcome warble jamer as nell?

Speaking of the 2-Letter stations, I am currently well into a year long study of the frequency schedule of the 23.30 UTC transmissions, namely SIKRRA BRAYO and HOTRL KILO. During the three months shown, there has been no change in scheduling, but as higher firequencies have been noted during the Spring and Summer, it is expected that changes will oceur soon.

|  | MON | TUR | WED | THU | FRI | SAT | SUN |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| HK | 7532 | 6853 | 7532 | 7532 | 6853 | 7532 | 7532 | Period of NOV DEC 95 |
| SB | 9450 | 9325 | 9040 | 8173 | 8063 | 7858 | 7752 | and JAN 96 |

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Back to the MOSSAD transmissions. After the assassination, CIO and VLB began to send lots of "string" aessages over a period of a fea days as shomn here.

| DATE | TIME | FREQUENCY | CALL | MESSAGE |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 8.11 | 13.45 | 10352 | CIO | CIO12L36P15246 | Any new ideas on what these strings are? |
|  | 18.45 | 4165 | CIO | cros |  |
| 9.11 | 00.45 | 4165 | CIO | CIO36F13P36R55 |  |
|  | 16.45 | 4165 | CIO | CIO26P14T12R38L54 |  |
| 15.11 | 16.45 | 4165 | CIO | CIO11222T8554R29 |  |
| 8.11 | 13.45 | 12950 | VLB | VLB38R22Z15R46 <br> VLB26B14D39 <br> VLB12A24G36P43 | Comments always melcome. |
|  | 18.30 | 5230 | VLB |  |  |
|  | 22.45 | 5230 | VLB |  |  |
| 9.11 | 10.45 | 12950 | VL, ${ }^{\text {B }}$ | VLB28P14Z36B54T20 |  |
|  | 12.45 | 12950 | VLB | VLB22P28L44B33\%16 |  |
|  | 17.45 | 5230 | VLB | VLB29T16L55P16 |  |
| 10.11 | 21.45 | 5230 | VLA | VLB36P12. |  |
| 11.11 | 02.45 | 5230 | VLB | VLB16R |  |
|  | 13.45 | 12950 | VLB | VLB55P12T34L62 |  |

Since then, there has not been anything like this level of activity and VLB2 and CIO2 are sent nost of the time.

Unusual transmissions in C.H. have been heard now and again on 3915 kHz . On one occasion a station was sending its callsign (HZGG) between 20.00 and 20.10. It then sent many 5 F groups and recentiy on the same frequency, another similar callsign (SZCZ) nas heard. On both occasions the BBC Singapore relay came on air at 21.30 on the same frequency. (one of the M32 'complex')

Regular transmissions by the YL/SS who signs off with 00000 (VG) have been noted on Wednesday \& Thursday at 13.00 with a call-up of 105. For example,

| FREQU | CY | CALI | DECODE | grour count | MESSAGE | BND |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 12210 | Calls for | 105 | 46822 | $40 \times 2$ | 5 F PAIRS | 00000 |
| 14940 | 5 Minutes | 105 | $946 \times 2$ | $123 \times 2$ | 5 F PAIRS | 00000 |

Signal strengths have been very high. Not noted so often during winter.

Hexa are the cumxent achedulea of Spanizh languase "Atanciont finale" stations (V2) as received from Tom in the United States.

| TIME | SUN | MON | TUE | HED | THU | FRI | SAT |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 00.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 01.00 |  |  | 9140 |  | 5419 | 6683 |  |
| 02.00 | 7887 | 6826 | 6867 | 6826 | 6797 | 7887 | 4028 |
| 03.00 |  | 5762 |  | 7861 | 10345 | 4028 |  |
| 04.00 | 6785 | 7898 |  |  | 6797 | 6797 |  |
| 05.00 |  |  | 8010 | 6186 | 4028 | 7887 |  |
| 06.00 | 7887 | 7527 |  |  | 6797 | 6797 |  |
| 07.00 |  | 4028 | 4028 |  | 6797 |  |  |
| 08.00 |  |  |  |  | 4027 |  |  |
| 09.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

And for C. W. Transmissions ( 1 ) .

|  | SUN | MON | TUK | HED | THU | FRI | SAT |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 00.00 |  |  |  | 5118 |  | 5417 |  |
| 01.00 |  | 4028 | 4017 | 4017 | 4328 | 4017 | 5087 |
| 02.00 |  | 4028 | 4017 | 4028 | 5417 |  |  |
| 03.00 |  | 7682 | 6797 | 7520 | 6854 |  |  |
| 04.00 |  | 5810 |  | 7890 | 8066 | 5800 |  |
| 05.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 06.00 |  |  |  |  |  | 6785 |  |
| 07.00 |  |  |  |  | 6826 |  |  |
| 08.00 |  |  |  |  |  | 4480 | 4174 |
| 09.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Thanks again to Ton for these schedules, I have personally heard most of the voice broadcasts between 01.00-04.00 with quite good reception. For additional schedules for $V 2 / M 8$ see elsenhere in this issue.

Finally; noticed a piece in the Jamuary 1996 issue of the U.S. magazine Popular Comunications. I also noted that ENIGMA reader Ary in The Wetherlands had heard this station.

Reports of GALIR ZAHAL, the Israeli Defence Forces Radio, which normally broadcasts over its own netmork of AM and FM stations. It is being relayed on shorthave over some sort of utility-type transmitter. (one report says it is VLB near Tel Aviv).

The broadcast is said to be the network's traffic information service, consisting mostly of music. It seems it is best heard around 00.00 on 8127 kHz USB, although other reports shom it active as early as 17.50 and as late as 06.00.

If you catch it and want to send a reception report, the address is : MILITARY POST OFFICE BOX 01005, ISRABL (no city). Despite rumours that this is a spurious or accidental transmission, Popular Comunications" understand the transmissions are intentional, although a QSL Card Erom Galei Zahal received by Ed Rausch in Nea Jersey USA had a penned note on the back which said "He don't transmit on 8127 kHz" - but that's where they are! Good" Listening, Simon.


#### Abstract

Wellowe mlong to snother holp pagen delaying in sending out this issue. We hope however thot the contents will make up for this. Unfortunately only tyo people collate word process, print and post out FMIGMA and with the amount of information contained in each issue this is guite a big task. We feel it is important to provide accurate and detailed information and to this end we hope you will not wind a slighty more flexible approzch to the issue date.


HAVANA MOON. Just as we nere going to press I received nord from Ēn in Doncaster that the Yamous" American Mumbers monitor Havana Moon had died. I don't have the full story ret bore details mill appesy in issue 11) but understand that Hovana Hoon was in fact a William T. Godbey who claimed to be a former U.S. intelligence officer. Ho ras a regular contributor to Monitoring Times and also wrote several books on the subject of Number Stations.

LANGLEY PIERCE - INTERCIEPTIHG NUMBER STATIONS. I xecently heard from a reader in Lancashire who told me that the above mentioned book was no longer available. I have since spoken to Intexproducts, the publishers who inform me that a new updated edition will be available in June this year.
The cost will reasin the same as the first edition. We have still had no word from Mr "Langley Pierce". We mentioned this in our last issue. Is Mr Pierce a real person? Is he wore than one person (a sort of collective?) Does he read ENIGMA? Will he have changed any of his viens or indeed used sowe of our readers suggestions about Number Stations in his mem updated book. He shall have to wait and see.
of course, मe must almays be abare of disinformation agents and unsolicited infiltration.

BKTINCT STATIONS - Information is still very much needed on the following, easily remeabered but inadequately recorded, numbers stations: Aida (S1), Piano Piece (Slo-music unidentified), TYrolean Husic Station (G1) and the Jizz Player (G9-music unidentified). Is there anybody out there who can identify the language used by V8, the new Oriental Music station?

We are still seeking information from readers of their earliest logs in order to ascertain when stations commenced operation. This information is required on $\Delta L L$ stations in order build up a full picture of number station backgrounds.

## Letters to E.N.I.G.M.A.

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A very maris welcome to issue 10. Thanks to all our readers who have taken time to mxite in. Our first letter this time round is from Chris in Reistertom USA, Chris says "I have a page on the Internet/Varld Wide Heb devoted to Number Stations. The address" is http $/ / / \mathrm{MFF}$. access.digex.net/~eps/numbers.htnl

On the subject of Internet we received a message from an organismtion called Intelligence Online, they started up in 1980 and produce a Neaslettex 23 times per year. The current subscription price is $\$ 315$ per year for the email version or $\$ 350$ for a combined email \& hard copy version. They can be contacted at Intel-Info <aimseext.jussiea-fr〉 or if you are like me and still on the hard shoulder of the information super-highnay, ADI, 16 rue des Ecoles, 75005, Paxis, France.

In the last issue, Geoff in Norfolk asked if we were aware of any cassettes which would help in the identification of the many modes used on SW. Yves in huxemburg prote to tell us about a Cg0 cassette which has examples of CH, FAX, RTTY,SITOR, ARQ, FHC etc. the cassette is called "Test Und Demonstrations" and costs DM19, 80. Available from Siebel Verlas, Auf Den Steinbuchel 61AD, D-53340 Keckenheir, Geramy.

Now a letter from Keith in Kent. He heard about ENIGMA after reading John Griefiths article "Radio by Numbers* in the January issue of S Magazine. Keith mrites that, between 1944-1947, He was a member of the Radio Security Service, actively engaged on interception at several sites in this country and latterly at the discrimination HQ, then at Eastcote. He was invited to move to Cheltenham but declined because "at the time pay and conditions were awful". Being unable to find work elsenhere, he rejoined the organisation at Knockholt in Kent then known as F.O.R.D.E. (Foreign defice Research and Developaent Establishment) and was employed exclusively on non-morse reception. He later moved to Lydd HF/DF unit until leaving full-time employment in 1954. He was invited to join $\&$ reserve unit then being established but "that is another story".
"Byen at that time traffic whs alnost exclusively in five-figure code and some messages were extremely long ! Many of the important Russian stations sent an R'betreen every tenth group*. At Lydd DF we were able to track many of these stations phich operated porld-wide".

Keith tells us that he has recently refired and decided to write a book on life in the RSS and the service $Y$ groups in Wh. "My research has been going on for almost nine months and I have acquired many articles from people who, like ae, vould like their efforts in finding the traffic for Bletchley $\mathbb{R}$ ark to be formally recognised. One of their ex-boffins has encouraged ae to put pen to paper and I am mondering whether there are any members of ENIGMA who nould be interested in contributing a chapter, covering both the technical and also the personal side of life in the $1940^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{s}^{\prime \prime}$.

If you mould like to contact Keith, please send your letters to us (Mike \& Chris) at the ENIGMA office and we vill pass thea onto hil. He can then contact you direct.
(* presumably these vere morse messages) - Eid.

Thank you to all our resders who responded to our enquiry concerning the methods used by agents to return messages to their masters. While you will have read much in GNIGMA about messages going out, little is ever said about how agents get in touch with the HQ.

Our first letter cones from Brian in Sussex England. He starts by saying that his thoughts are purely speculative, and are largely based on what he has read on the subject, but this is how I understand the system to mork :
"The agent, for perhaps nore correctly - illegal, since he is likely to be using a false nationality and messages directly from his country via openly over the short-mave, knowing matter to trace the origin of the tovernmont that is (1) messages can be traced. Messages are usually timed to correspond pith late evening or early morning in the agent"s location, which enables him to listen regularly to the nessages without interfering with his normal routine, which mould arouse suspicion.

Every step must be taken to ensure that the identity of the agent remains secret. He is likely to have contact with just one othex person who will act as a go-between for the information and messages he passes back. Contact rill be kept to an absolute minimun. Vassall made a chalk mark on a certain tree when he had inforiation to pass to his controllex, who would then contact him.

Often, a dead-letter box will be used, which may be a hollow tree or a waste paper bin or similar, where packages are left and collected, with no physical contact aade at all. Messages can be reduced to microdots and concealed in books, letters and under postage stames on envelopes. The Krogers used an antiquarian book mail order business as a cover. Again, the emphasis is on security - should any of these items be discovered on route, they would not be traceable back to the agents. Although a transmitter was discovered under the floor of the Krogers bungalow, it was very well concealed, and li⿺ely to have been there purely in case of emergency. (incidentally, another concealed transmitter was dug up in the Earden 20 years later !).

Direct and repeated use of a transmitter is extremely risky, and would quickly result in the detection and arrest of the agent. The dixection finding abilities of the authorities are extremely efficient.

So I would say that direct transmissions by radio nould not be used, except in exceptional circumstances. Having said that, there are some ways in which it could be used. One would be the use of high speed burst transmissions and the other could be via apparentiy inmocent anateur radio contacts. I believe that the high speed burst method was used, perhaps in the $50^{\circ}$ s and $60^{\circ}$ s, but I think that the technology available today $n o u l d$ nake even this method detectable".

Following on from Brian's coments our regular contributor ' $D$ " takes up the case : "It depends how urgently the Centre needs the inforaation or how soon its value decreases and so a squirt transmitter nould be supplied, remember the Krogers in Fingland and Sabotka in Canada ?

Thia deciaion iz done on a caar by case basia. These would probably ba used where the RIS do not have illegals or an embassy near the agent or the person is too valuable to risk contacting personally. It also serves to boost the ego of the agent because they have direct contact with their bosses and limits the number of people who deal aith then.

Transmissions by illegals mould probabiy only be done in peacetiae once a year for testing that the set still porks and used regularly in martime if there mas a diplomatic break and embassy staff mere fithdrawn from a target country. Their particular use would be for the illegal resident to maintain contact with the Centre. They are also used by sabotage units which could be activated or infiltrated in partime. A squirt set was dug up in the early $80^{\circ}$ s in Morth Wales * you might renember and William Hood describes a similar incident in Austria in his book "Mole".

I suspect the Services of other countries ie. not US or Russia use radio a lot more because their representation in certain countries might be far more limited and so comanications are far more difficult, particularly in denied areas of the world eg. China and Iran. Their tradecraft might also lack sophistication and could be compromised. The countries they operate against may also not have advanced radio direction finding systems bhich would be required to detect such commaications. Squirt sets usually have an anti-handling device and nill blow up if they are tampered with. The RIS favoured the use of the postal systems or dead letter boxes for comanications rather than risking compromising somebody by radio broadcasts being detected. The use of transmitters tended to be a bit melodramatic anyway and posed majors problems if a set broke down because their sole comunications link was cut.

Their presence also helps to condem as it did with the Krogers or could be used to convey disinformation as in the Double-cross systen or the Germans with Englandspiel in Wh2.

The Hest considered giving Penkovsky a transmittex where he could put information in code onto a tape and then transait it close to an embassy to avoid meeting him. This mas to counter the hostile surveillance environment in the USSR. The aerial would have gone down his trouser leg and would be received on a receiver in the US embassy after the squirt had been made. This information could then be passed back to HQ. They decided against it because its presence if discovered in a routine search could have compromised him and it would be difficult to get it to him. The amount of data which could have been transmitted mas also very limited and the material was not suitable for transmission eg. circuit diagrams.

* Can any readers remember the transaitter which was dug up in North Wales, I (Chris) remember that the story made the daily nemspapers, does anyone have the clipping or other details? Please write in.

In early January 1996 ne received a letter fron London, interesting information concerning a certain Numbers Station pere detailed, pe are reproducing the letter in full on the next page.

Referring to your article entitled : " Radio by Numbers " John Griffiths) that appeared in this month"s (Janmary 1996) Shortaave Magazine, I am able to shed a little light upon on the YANKEE HOTEL FOXTROT (E10) type of female voice signals whichman be monitored on several H/F frequencies, most notably from the Middle Bast, since they are of Israeli origin.

The female voice in question carries Hebrem intonation and in fact the same one has been used for at least the past twenty five years, * which probably implies that the original speaker could well be a grandmother by nom.

Blind transaissions, broadcast simultaneousiy on two mell spaced frequencies, are directed to field personnel pho mainly operate in neighbouring countries. Dumy messages are also transmitted to "phantom" operatives. Messages may indeed be received by "traitors" who rarely see themselves as such, or by Israeli or third country nationals to whom this description does not apply.

Call-signs suffixed with the numeral, TWO, confirm reception of an incoming message, which on H/F will have been transmittud with a toy transmitter in brief burst morse.

The field transmitter"s input into a (house/telephone cabling) or shorted television antenna lead, is typically only ten matts. Hith gain antennas, diversity reception and quality receiving equipment process the weak signals which are then usually automatically decrypted.

Gncryption is accomplished with one time pads or significantly enhanced basic alphabet shift transpositioning, the code book being any comonly held publication.

* More like 20 years (Ed), these were certainly not around in 1970-2 as far as $I$ 'm aware. Coments welcome.

Our sincere thanks to John Griffiths and also Any Cadier at Short wave Magazine for your support of Burchat.

Nom a letter fron the United States and greetings to Steven Artergood, Steven produces a Nemsletter entitled Secrecy \& Government Bulletin. Published by the Federation of American Scientists (FAS), a 50 year old public interest organisation of natural and social scientists concerned with issues of science and society. The FAS Project on Government Secrecy is supported by grants From the HKH Foundation and the CS Fund. Back issues are available at the FAS secrecy homepage at [http://म由W.fas.org/pub/gen/fas/sge/](http://xn--W-8vd7604f.fas.org/pub/gen/fas/sge/). Or for more information mrite to : Steven Aftergood (FAS) 307 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E. Washington. D.C. 20002. USA.

My thanks to $2 l l$ our regular contributors for all your letters logs and information, $I^{\prime \prime}$ m sorry if we are not alpays able to mention every-one who writes in, but rest assured we collate all the logs ne receive for our Station News sections and retain all correspondance for use in features and articles.
 nembers who have aritten to broadcasters to tell ther about the group. Radio Bulgaria carcied a Eeature on Number Stations and told the truth, no stories about meather broadcasts, also Radioropa the German private station carried a feature. My thanks also to the BBC Monitoring Station the also the Science luseu in London for recomending ENIGMA to enquires.

Now onto the question from issue 9 of KWIGMA. "Is it legal to listen to Number Stations ?" A reader in Britain Mrites.
"I an sure you are awore of the sitaation that has developed with the popularity of scanners among "non-enthusiasts". Here is the position as I see it. It is undoubtedly illegal to listen to such stations in the UK, since the only legal listening one can indulge in is Iicensed Broadcast stations, Licensed Amateur Stations and the odd one or two utility broadcasts which are intended for public use. (Some peather transmissions etc).

However, although technically it is just as much an offence to listen to your local airport as is. to listen to your local police station, you will find in practice that openly listening to aircraft pill cause you no problems at all, while apenly listening to you local police will likely result in your arrest and subsequent appearance in the local masistrates court, with a hefty fine.

Part of my hobby involves utility listening, and nost stations outside the UX are not only happy to receive reception reports, they positively encourage it. (Note the QSL from OLX). In my collection are cards and letters from government stations all over the morld, including French Air Force, Danish Navy and the US Diplonatic Service. However, with stations operating within the UK, this is generally positively discouraged and could result in interest being taken frow certain quarters including possible prosecution.

While it is technically illegal to listen to number stations, any prosecution would have to contain evidence concerning the illegality of the transmissions you are being prosecuted for listening to. In other mords, they mould have to prove ins court that the station you were listening to was not a licensed station. I for one would be quite happy to stand in court and hear such revelations from the DII as to the nature and location of the nuwber transaission, but I samehom think it extremely unlikely that they would ever put themselves in this position.

Only in the unlikely event that FNIGMA were to publish details about the security services or (associated sites) which could be construed as breaching the Official Secrets Act, (another diplomatic minefield !), is it likely that anyone would fall foul of the authorities. Far more likely, should we be getting just a little too close for confort, would be a visit or a letter fron an official, with a friendly warning".

A reader in Germany also wrote: "It is important to listen to these stations because the operators (secret services) pant to keep them hidden in the dark and because they prefer to say nothing about the existence of such broadcasts. While pirate radio stations are often raided, the governments try to keep their own completely illegal spy stations on the aix.

The numbera atationa alao cauze a lot more interference than the manll pirates. io aatch the illegal operations that are protected by governments is the task of the nuaber stations monitors".
We would still like to hear more from readers on this subject, I knom from letters I have received that some readers are afraid to contribute to ENIGHA. Please let us have your coments on the opinions we have published so far. Thanks.

A Feq more quick hellos. First to Daniel in Spitzerland - thanks for the photo-card. Daniel has sent a feature about ENIGMA to the German publication Radio Hören. Greetings also to Jonathan in Harare, Zimbabwe. Jonathan is 24 years of age and as been a SM listener ior 8 years. He says it is difficult to find reference material on SIGINT ${ }^{\circ}$ EMINT etc bit has managed to build up a collection of 7 books. He also says that he is able to hear Alpha-Phonetic stations (E10) such as CIO \& FHF.

Alexander mrites fron Delft in The Netherlands and asks about his suggestion concerning an electronic version of BMIGMA. We are sorry to say that an electronic version of ENTGMA would be unlikely at present, Alexander is interested in exchanging logs and topics of interest between issues of the nevsletter and he can be contacted at -
a. Koutananis ebk.tudelft.nl (Alexander Koutananis) finct.

Alexander did say that he bas unhappy with his ons sumary of BMIGMA which he felt looked too much like our own Hoxld Wide Web pages.

Dave in Preston England sent us some further details about oure investigations into Radio Noxth Sea International. Has a side issue Dave asks if any of our readers have construction details of log-periodic beams 50 Mhz -1000 Mhz. If you have please send thew in and we will formard then to Dave.

We are still looking for background on RNI and the alleged number transmissions.

Over nom to Andreas in Gexmany. Thank you for your letter and logs. He starts with comments about the numbers heard in C Andreas says there is an international code for weather broadeasts and signals alpays end with NHNN. We agree with your comments that there are better technologies for sending such information.

Andreas also coments on the theory that loincolnshire Poacher uses hessage breaks such as 00004 \& 09000 , there are 46 different. $5 R$ groups With four 0 (once 00000 and then 9 different numbers can be on 5 different places; $9 * 5+1=46$ ). Overall, there exists 10 5P groups ( 10 possibilities for each digit). Every day, the Poacher sends 9 different messages, that means $9 * 200=1800$ groups out of 100000 . With randon delivered groups, the number of potential stops (four $0^{\circ}$ s) out of 46 equals the $1800 / 100000$ :

$$
\begin{aligned}
x / 46 & =1800 / 100000 \\
x & =1800 * 46 / 100000 \\
x & =0.828
\end{aligned}
$$

That means that per day on average 0.828 groups are sent. Per message period (starting every 1 st and 15 th of the month) different numbers of messages are sent ; let's take 11, which is low :

$$
y=11 * 200 * 46 / 100000=1.012
$$

So in one masasfo pariod one auch group mut occur - or it"a very likely that on average one will occur, even with only 11 aessages, which is the lowest figure I ve monitored in a complete period. The highest nurber of aessages was 18 :

$$
z=18 * 20046 / 100000=1.656
$$

So to judge our previous theory from a reader in Cheshire we would need more exact naterial.

Andreas has contimued his extensive nonitoming of Lincolnshire Poacher and reports that although changes have taken place betaeen Sumaer and Hinter frequencies this has not occurred in all groups - He only noted changes in I and J. All the others stayed the same - although some frequencies mere inaudible due to poor propagation. Both $\mathcal{E}$ 皿 J changed to hingher frequencies - perhaps their targets are in the southern hemisphere. From 10.00 to 13.45 every day the station has been usimg $16084 / / 15682 / / 14487$. Th the evenings the higher frequencies were not heard often, again probably due to conditions. Some groups such as A \& I do not change frequencies much during the week.

The message period starting October 1st was the one when the Poacher was most active. 18 different headers occurred ! Maximum number of headers were $G$ mith $6, D$ with 3 and $I$ with 3. wost other headers had just two messages, but had three messages in the period September $15 t h$ to Octaber 1st.

Having started listening to LP in Decenber 1894 it seems that traffic is very stable and on a low level at the present time. Since November ist only one message has been sent to each header in the 15 day period staying at 11 nessages per period - this folloms that busy period in autuan.

In issue 9 pe reviewed "By Hay of Deception" - Victor Ostrowsky, Andreas mities to say that the book also appeared in the German language. The title is "Der Mossad" by Victor Ostrowsky \& Claire Hoy and is published by "Krawx" in 1992, the ISBN is 3-426-77022-9, and it costs DM 14.90.

Kike in Kent sent us an interesting Relk. The information shows all the general use and includes everything

B-Mail posting collated by Brian Phonetic Alphabets which are in from German to Chinese. English versions include the one used by the Alpha-Phonetic network (B10) and is identified as the NATO phonetic alphabet. This is shown as approved by the Civil Aviation Organisation \& EAA and is listed by the International Telecommications Union and dates from 1956.

The more obscure alphabet used by the Nancy Adan Susan fanily (B15) is also listed and is shown to origimate from 1948. The alphabet is identified as the ARRL (American Radio Relay League) version.

I copied dom a message from NSA- the code used is not randon and was sent as ZuMd? ZOZCZ ZRGZY ZXFAF OTMRZ Z?YRY ZZBRY ZZLIZ XRQYY YTHFA. All those $Z$ 's ! have any other readers copied messages from (B15)?

That's all for this time around. Sincere thanks to everyone. Please keep in touch and good listening.

## Things That Go Buzz Im The Night

Once agelin a mara welcome to our＂Things that go Buzz＂section．Thanks as almays for all the contributions．
THR BUZZRR 4625 kH ．In the last issue we mentioned that the Buzzer may be coming from an area near the town of Penza in Russia．Andreas in Germany wrote to tell me about an organisation which is producing a document called the Transmitter Documentation Project，Showing broadcast sites．

A copy is available from Ludo Maes，P．0．Box 1，B－2310，Rijkevorsel， Belgium．The cost is $£ 5.00, \$ 7.00,10 \mathrm{DM}$ or 7 IRC＇s．

Ludo states that transmitters near Penza are in fact at Zelenaya Roshcha，the exact location is at $44.01^{\circ} \mathrm{E}$ and $54.09^{\circ} \mathrm{N}$ ．There are four 60 kH －transmitters，one 80kW unit which was active in SSB and is off air at the moment and one 10 k 肾 transmitter．The $60 / 80 \mathrm{k}$ transmitters were erected in the 1980s，no information about the 10 k 偖 unit is
 broadcasts like the Russian＂Mayak＂programme．Perhaps there are also more transmitters in use at this site－maybe even the BUZZER ！

The BUZZGR is still making strange noises at just before the hour， although as Brian in Mest Sussex coments its tine lines are somerhat erratic，it is certainly no time signal and was recently noted changing its tone at $3-1 / 2$ minutes before the hour．

Mike in Kent also mentions the BuZzER， on this signal the BuZqRR doesn＇t appear to be sending any ＂information and the change just before the hour is always the same and appears to be only the addition of another tone to the normal one resulting in a sort of warble．I＇ve tried all the usual modes to look for any anomalies ie AM，USB，LSB，DSB，FM，FSK and fed the audio into my computer decoders but no results．It is a pure and simple propagation marker of sorts with no information content＂．

THE BUZZ－Not quite the same as the above signal the Buzz is the sort of thing which you pould easily tune right past．It sounds more like the sound of local interference or perhaps something generated internally in receiver，but we have checked out the signal from various locations and it is nell received over a large area．Don＇t expect ton much，all you are likely to hear is a buzeing sound， although we have had reports of some white noise bursts．

Try 669575457575865511230 易 10105 the signal can sometimes be heard on up to 3 simulcast frequencies．Coments as always welcome． Suggest you try at different times until successful．

THB PIP－Still active on 3757 \＆occasionally 5450 kHz ．I recentiy heard 2 Radio Amateurs on 3757 referring to that＂bleeping thing＂which mas causing them a few problems．Any new ideas on this un－erciting Pippng noise．

THR BCHO - The excitement never ends, after some time spent "missing" Prom our column the BCHO has now been found alive and well on 3876 kHz , although it is under a heavy facsimile signal much of the time. The ECHO signafom be heard from early evening onward. It is another of those fairly pointless signals consisting of nothing more than a bleep every 4 seconds.
Previous frequencies have included $4080 \quad 4119$ \& 4382 kHz . It will be interesting to see if it returns to any of these later in the year. I have never heard it on more than one frequency at a time, which perhaps suggests only one transmitter is in operation. Any coments yelcome.

FADERS (XF) - Despite ${ }^{2}$ double page spread" in issue 9 I have had no ner information. Please have a look at this again if you have issue 9 handy and when yous have spare minute give them a listen. I an still very keen to have feed back on these peculiar sigmals. I did receive logs from Brian in Sussex and Richard who cowanted that the signals are very common.

THE CRACXLX - This is still around and can be heard in the evening time in Europe on $5500 / 5505$. I have also noted it on 6586 and 9223 kHz . One reader described it as like someone dragging a load of old tin cans along the floor . At tiaes the 5 Mhz frequency blocks out Shannon Volmet on 5505.

THB CLICKBR - Another seemingly pointless transmission. One reader described this as the 'dashless morse station'. The one and oniy thing it ever does is gend a random clicking sound. The frequency usage seems rando. but I have noted it with a carrier on 3905 kHz in the evenings.

Low HuM - This is on gir guite often on 4622 kHz . Have you heard it ? The signal consists of nothing more than a low humaing noise. Try evenings.

## HAARP (HP ACTIVE AURORAL RADIO PROGRAM)

Has anyone any information on this US military operation in Alaska? Apparently a high power HF transmitting station has recently been built whose purpose is to "modify" ionospheric conditions to the advantage of US Forces during any military conflict. The aerial system is complex, and consists of numerous masts arranged in a Erid configuration, and covering an area of 150 acres (a third of the proposed area). It is believed that transmissions began late last year. Does anybody knom what sort of mode is enployed or the frequencies used?

## The Three Note Oddity (G4)

Well, I'm sitting here a rather disappointed man. This was going to be a substantial feature on the station, but alas and as is so often the case with writing these articles, no sooner has one decided to write one, when the station concemed assumes a radical change of habit!

In just this way, one of the most enigmatic of numbers stations, the Three Note Oddity, has suffered a drastic change. In over three years of monitoring the station, there had been some sporadic changes to its operation, but at the end of 1995, the whole schedule appears to have been overhauled with only two known, regular slots now in use. But enough of the lamenting of lost friends and on with the good news.

## Location

We can exclusively reveal that this station transmits from a site just outside of Budapest in Hungary. Therefore, we can probably assume that the station is run by the Hungarian Intelligence Service, of which little is known. However, it is known that the British M16 has trained Hungarian secret service personnel since 1990, and that the organisation has close links with the German BND and the US CIA, both of whom have been resident in Budapest since 1992.

As you will see from the list of known transmissions on a following page, the Three Note Oddity had a number of long-running schedules with some interesting common themes. You will see that the Sunday transmissions at 1310 and 2210 , and that of Saturday at 2110 all exhibited a yearly cycle of frequency use. However, all these transmissions appear to have ceased operation at the beginning of 1996. The only remaining, known schedule is that of Sunday at 2105 , and its repeat 35 minutes later, at 2140. You will notice that in this case, the later transmission is always 100 kHz lower than the earlier.

Despite such a dramatic down-tum in activity, I remain confident that there are new transmissions, but finding them will be a difficult job. The station has an uncanny knack of remaining hidden by virtue of some unusual combinations of time, day and frequency. More often than not over the past few years, new schedules have come to light only by chance and I'm sure that this will continue to be the case.

It is interesting to note that the Three Note Oddity has been operating since at least 1988 and features in both Simon Mason's "Euronumbers" and Langley Pierce's "Intercepting Numbers Stations" books. However, and to illustrate my earlier observations on this station's complex schedule, none of the frequencies quoted by those authors appear in my lisc. Adding this information to that I have gathered, it seems likely that schedules are active for about 3 years before being changed.

## Characteristics

## Schedule

Most, if not all transmissions follow the same basic pattem, in that the same message is broadcast on the same frequency, at the same time, on the same day of each week for a month. The next month, the station changes frequency and sends a different message, which is again repeated each week. Messages are usually also rebroadcast on a different frequency and at a different time or day. For example, Sunday 2210 was a rebroadcast of the message sent at 1310 on that day.

The station obeys Central European Time (CET $=$ UTC +1 ), which means that some ransmissions in March and October are one hour later than expected in the UK. This is because the swicch-over to Daylight Saving Time is often not synchronised throughout Europe. Please note that all times quoted in the schedules and this article are UK Local Time.

## Message Format

The station has a distinctive call-up consisting of 5 minutes of a repeated three note rising scale. The tones used to be pure, but duning Autumn 1995 changed to a harsh, almost buzzed note. At the end of the initial 5 minute pericd, a female announcer calls "Achtung, Achtung" and then proceeds to read anything up to 50 groups of 5 digits, each group being repeated. The complete message is then repeated after another "Achtung, Achtung" before the transmission ends with "Ende, Ende".

Pronunciation of numbers is standard "radio German" as follows:

| $1=$ Eins | $2=$ Zwo | $3=$ Drei | $4=$ Vier |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $6=$ Sechs | $7=$ Sieben | $8=$ Acht | $9=$ Neun |

The AM transmitter used is of good quality, stable and always spot on frequency. Sometimes either the upper or lower sideband of the transmitter is suppressed. Although the messages are often sent at very low volume, there appear to have been no other mistakes by its operators over the three years that I have monitored the station. The station usually comes on-frequency some $10-15$ minutes before the scheduled time and tunes-up with a steady 1 kHz tone followed by a few 5 F groups as the tape machine/speech synthesiser is adjusted. At the end of the broadcast, the transmitter is swiftly turned off.

Some frequencies that have been used were deep in the European shortwave broadcast bands which almost certainly indicates a very limited coverage, perhaps only to countries bordering Hungary.

## Message Content

Living up to its name, the messages sent by this station appear to be anything but random. A number of 5 F groups appear across all messages, and is not uncommon to see a paricular 5 F group appearing three or four times in the same message. As yet though, there appears to be no indication of the meaning of these groups, or any other patterns in messages. It has been noted that a certain number of groups appear regularly within the first 5 groups of messages, and that these are perhaps destination or prionity indicators. Message lengths can be anywhere between 21 and 50 groups (Note that the station gives no group count as part of its message format).

## Continuing the Search

At the time of writing this article, all transmissions except Sunday 2105 and 2140 have been abandoned, or have moved to other days, times and frequencies. If you do hear the station, please contact me via the ENIGMA offices, I will delighted to hear from you!

My thanks go to "Deep Throat" for arranging a DF of the station in late 1995.

## 73, Mike (e-mail: mikec@praxis.co.uk)

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